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THE National Religious Party, Shas,

and United Torah Judaism were still

meeting near midnight last night,

trying to hammer out a draft agree

ment to take to the Likud as a basis

for their participation in the coali-

Details of the draft were kept

tightly under wraps, with officials

involved in the negotiations saying that they are concerned that leaks to

the press would damage their nego-

Two members of each party were

meeting in four different groups in

an attempt to come to the Likud with

a single lists of demands. The

groups were dealing with appointments to various Knesser posts; the

religious status quo, education, and

housing (including housing beyond the Green Line).

At the same time, the heads of the

three parties - Aryen Deni of Shas,

Zevulun Hammer of the NRP, and Meir Porush of UTI - were meeting in an effort to resolve differences

between the parties, primarily over

Channel 1 reported last night that

at the meeting, it was decided that

Porush would be named chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee.

The NRP's Shmaryahu Ben-Tzur

said the purpose of the meetings is to

coordinate positions so that the three

parties can go into the negotiations

with the Likud with a united posi-

tion. This also would facilitate the

He said that the meetings would

The NRP has shown interest in the

Education, Religious Affairs, and

Labor and Social Affairs portfolios,

Shas in the Interior and Religious

Affairs portfolios, and UTJ in con-

trol of the Housing Ministry.
Since both Shas and the NRP are

interested in the Religious Affairs

portfolio, there is talk of some kind

of rotation agreement between the

UTJ MK Avraham Ravitz said

that although the Agudat Yisrael fac-

tion of his party has ruled out taking

on a full ministerial position, Degel

Hatorah has not yet reached a deci-

sion on the matter. Traditionally,

Agudat Yisrael and Degel Hatorah

have not taken a ministerial position

because of ideological problems

with the collective responsibility

ministers have for the actions of the

But, Ravitz said, if Degel does not get a ministry, UTI will ask for

effective control of the Housing

Ministry, meaning a deputy ministe-

rial position there, with the portfolio

to remain with the prime minister.

The parties also reached a consen-

sus on agreeing to roll back the sta-

tus quo to what it was prior to the

1992 elections. Since then, numer-

ous businesses have opened on

Shabbat, and the Reform Movement

has made inroads into religious

NRP MK Yigal Bibi explained the

coordination between the three par-

ties, long at loggerheads, by saying,

We learned a lesson from the elec-

tions eight years ago, when there was a diserace as each party came

and (just wanted to know) what the

other party got, not what the public needs. The lesson was learned, and

this time we will go linto the negoti-

councils around the country.

whole government.

also deal with the distribution of

portfolios among the parties.

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After the elections, Barak, who directed Peres's personal campaign, accused Ramon of devising , the the disastrous campaign strategy story which cost Labor the election.

Barak has never lost a fight before these elections, one source close to him said, and is taking it very hard.

Labor sources said they believe that Ramon will lose if he runs for the party's leadership.



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Peled favored to head national security council

Peres, Netanyahu discuss security issues

DAVID MAKOVSKY

MAJ.-GEN. (Res.) Yossi Peled is emerging as the leading contender to head a new national security council-style staff in the Prime apparalus Minister's Office, sources say. The council would coordinate national security affairs among government branches, including the intelligence services and the Foreign Ministry.

Dore Gold, an academic affiliated with Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies and a consultant to prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu, is expected to serve as the prime minister's key foreign policy adviser, according to

Meanwhile, Netanyahu was briefed by Prime Minister Shimon Peres, in their first meeting since the election. After the briefing he promised to study the issue of IDF redeployment of Hebron.

Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir also briefed Gold on the issue of Hebron and other peace process-related issues. Netanyahu aides have said that new policies would not be formulated until they had been briefed on current developments and had access to classified mate-

The creation of a national security council staff would be an innovation in policy-making circles. Even though it is mandated by law, such a staff never emerged due to opposition by the defense minister, who wanted all matters pertaining to national security

However, the inner cabinet, which consists of ministers and top military officials, could be deemed equivalent to the US National Security Council. A

a permanent staff.

There were reports yesterday

The meetings were held in

In the past, inter-agency cooper-

He said, however, that

Hizbullah had not laid down its

arms and still intends striking at

He also noted Hizbullah is

receiving help within the securi-

ty zone as seen by the Marjayoun

incident last week in which four

this cooperation is hindering

gence. Hizbullah is testing the

limits of the understanding

reached after the Grapes of

Shahak said that operation had

cost the IDF NIS 200 million.

The Finance Ministry is refusing

to cover this cost and it will have

to come from the IDF's own bud-

in Gaza, the chief of staff said no

agreement had been reached with

the Palestinians on how to carry

out security at the site, but it is agreed that Israel will remain in

control as far as security is con-

"I remind you that the security

control at all crossings is in our

hands and if there should be even

one not under our security super-

vision, there would be no point

in having [control at] any of the

others as the gap would be

On a different note, Shahak

discussed the March IDF enlist-

ment and said fewer soldiers had

requested the armored and

artillery corps but the engineer-

He also said there had been a

rise in the number of soldiers

refusing to leave the induction

base because they were dissatis-

fied with the units to which they

had been assigned.

ing corp had gained popularity.

cemed.

exploited."

Discussing the Rafiah Airport

Wrath operation, he said.

Foreign Ministry officials. In contrast to the animosity of the campaign, Peres and

cussed the formation of a national

Netanyahu has sought to reas-

sure Arabs and the US since his

election that he will proceed with

the peace process. He said yester-

day he would try to base his poli-

cies on "a broad consensus that

exists in the public in general and,

on the issues most critical to

Israel, apparently also between

The two said they discussed

security issues, apparently includ-

ing Hebron and the fight against

Peres promised to do all in his

power to assure a smooth transi-

tion. "I can promise that from my

side there will be a very honor-

able, responsible, and orderly

US Ambassador Martin Indyk,

after meeting with Netanyahu,

said: "We are committed to working very closely with him" to

advance the peace negotiations.

The purpose of that meeting,

he added, "was to plan for his

upcoming visit to Washington.

The president is keen to meet

with him, and we've agreed that

he'll come as soon as possible

after he's formed the govern-

Barak

to contend

for Labor

leadership

MICHAL YUDELMAN

FOREIGN Minister Ehud Barak reportedly intends to contend for

Labor sources said yesterday

that Barak has a good chance of

winning the party's leadership, since many feel that Haim

Ramon, who was considered the

favored candidate until the elec-

tions, led the party to defeat in his

role as campaign information

At this stage, Barak has decided

to officially announce his plans only after Prime Minister Shimon

Peres, who is also Labor's chair-

man, decides on his future. But he

is determined to run for the party

leadership even if Peres "decides

not to decide," sources close to

Barak reportedly will not make

any public statements regarding

the election defeat and is consult-

ing with Peres and other party

leaders on issues relating to

Labor's future. He has also had

the party's constitution sent to his

office, in order to study the regulations for a leadership contest.

through exchanging accusations with Ramon about who is to

blame for the defeat, and is now

looking toward the future.

He has made it clear that he is

director.

him said.

the Labor Party's leadership.

unity government.

me and Mr. Peres.

transition," he said.

terrorism.

Netanyahu smiled and shook hands warmly after their one-hour meeting, and Netanyahu referred to Peres as "Shimon" and thanked national security council would formalize this and provide it with him again for his contribution to the nation. Yet, both denied that they dis-

Due to the new law for the direct election of the prime minister, Netanyahu is believed to have the power to create a council to coordinate the national security bureaucracy.

that an authority designated to privatize state-run companies would also be directly subordinate to the Prime Minister's Office. (See story, Page 8)

The selection of Peled is apparently designed to ensure that someone on the staff knows the military bureaucracy and has its full cooperation. Peled participated in yesterday's meetings between Netanyahu and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Linkin-Shahak and Mossad chief Danny Yatom.

Netanyahu's Knesset office and lasted 45 minutes each. Netanyahu expressed confidence in both men and said he looked forward to working with them.

ation on the staff level has been poor, since the Defense Ministry often kept out the Foreign Ministry and others. This has improved since the secret Oslo

# talks, which were headed by top coordinated solely by his office.

reporters after addressing yesterand Defense Committee, but dismissed reports that the IDF top brass is trying to dissuade Binyamin Netanyahu from IDF does not interfere with polit-

Shahak said there were no spe-

the first time in years. He said the upcoming elections in Lebanon might be one of the reasons the Lebanese government is showing greater interest in southern Lebanon and is trying to increase its rule there while decreasing Hizbullah influence.

ical appointments.

## Lipkin-Shahak: IDF has no say in defense portfolio appointment

IDF soldiers were killed. He said operative abilities and intelli-

He added that should the Lebanese government succeed, "Israel would find itself in a more comfortable position

IDF Chief of Staff Amnon Lipkin-Shahak refused to talk to day's Knesset Foreign Affairs appointing Yitzhak Mordechai as defense minister. Shahak said the

At the meeting, he told the MKs that the IDF is prepared to redeploy in Hebron as soon as it receives instructions to do so. He said the overall security in

dents are tense in the face of the redeployment.

greater than the warnings of the attacks themselves." Regarding Lebanon, Shahak said there were signs of growing differences between Hizbullah

Hebron would remain in IDF hands, the IDF would remain the only military force in the city and would be deployed throughout it. According to an official brief-ing, Shahak said Hebron resi-

cific threats of terror attacks. An intelligence branch colonel told the committee that prior to the elections "public pressure and the prevailing impression were

and the Lebanese government for

#### Syria said to be building poison gas plant is an irrigation plant. recent weeks and some of the Stern, which said its information came from the US, reported

Prime Minister Skimon Peres holds the door for prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu, fol-

Arafat, Mubarak, Hussein

to discuss election results today

leadership in negotiations with

Israel" and keep the process mov-

ing.
"We hope to come up with a spe-

cific mechanism to resume negotia-tions on the Palestinian track,"

Mouasher told the Associated Press.

mission in Jordan, said Arafat will

ask Jordan and Egypt to use their

good offices with Israel to "execute

accords" reached with Shimon

Peres's government and "pursue the

path of negotiations for a permanent

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia's King

Fahd, Mubarak, and Syrian President Hafez Assad are reported-

ly going to meet in the Jiddah next

week to consider ways to boost

settlement"

Omar Khano, chief of the PLO

lowing their meeting yesterday in Jerusalem.

PALESTINIAN

Chairman Yasser Arafat will join

Jordan's King Hussein and

Egyptian President Hosni-Mubarak

in Akaba today in one of a series of

high-level Arab meetings to map

out a joint strategy for continuing

the peace process following Likud

leader Binyamin Netanyahu's elec-

There is widespread concern in

the Arab world that Netanyahu

might slow or even completely stop

US President Bill Clinton has sent

letters to Arab leaders reaffirming

US support for a "comprehensive,

just and lasting peace."

Jordanian Information Minister

Marwan Mouasher said today's

meeting will "discuss ways to sup-

port the Palestman people and its

the Middle East peace process.

tion as prime minister.

BONN (Reuter) - Syria is building a poison gas factory in Aleppo which could constitute a major threat to Israel's national security. a German magazine reported yes-

Stern weekly said US intelligence officials had passed on spy satellite photographs of the plant to their German counterparts, who are checking if any Germans are involved in the project.

In a report released ahead of publication today, Stern said the plant is similar to one in Tarhunah, Libya. The US alleges the Tarhunah complex is a chemical weapons factory; Libya says it have been reported in Syria in

was required to kill Jews in the Holocaust.

Hitler killed Jews by locking them in lornes

with the exhaust fumes fed inside," the ques-

tion reads. "With a truck volume of 50 cubic

meters, what volume of carbon monoxide does

it take to reach the fatal ratio of five per 1,000?

construct or equip the plant. "For Israel, such a project is a nightmare," said the report, which did not specify its sources. "Unlike Iraq, Iran or Libya, Syria would not need any long-range

that Germany's BND intelligence agency is investigating whether a Stuttgart businessman had helped

missiles to fire poison gas into the

BND officials were not imme-

Meanwhile, Several explosions

diately available for comment.

reports have been confirmed, the US State Department said yester-Quoting a message issued to

talks, sources said yesterday.

The Saudi, Syrian, and Egyptian

foreign ministers "have agreed on a

number of recommendations which

include holding a summit," a senior

Arab diplomat said. However, there

was no official word from any of the

News of the Jiddah summit came

the day after Mubarak and Assad

met in Cairo to discuss the same

topic, which also was discussed on

Sunday in a meeting between Assad

and Lebanese President Elias

the Syrian and Egyptian foreign ministers flew to Riyadh for consul-tations with the kingdom about the

summit. Their meeting ended yes-

Following the summit in Cairo.

three countries on such a meeting.

Americans in Syria on Sunday by the US Embassy in Damascus, the department said it did not know the origin of the blasts, but it advised US citizens to review their security practices."

"There have been reports of explosions in several locations in Syria over the past month. Some of these reports have been confirmed; others remain unconfirmed," the department said in an unsigned public announcement.

raise them in this way," he added. The teacher, reportedly Jewish, said her aim had been to denounce the Holocaust and revisionist theories about it.

"scandalous."

teacher's question on gassing Jews If people took on average 20 minutes to die. PARIS (Reuter) - France's education minister launched disciplinary proceedings yesterday what volume of carbon monoxide did the

Education Minister Francois Bayrou told French radio: "I have launched proceedings and that will no doubt be accompanied by a suspension while we wait for the disciplinary board to intervene. There are facts which we cannot speak about in a banai way, which belong to the memory of humanity and which

must be respected as sacred. It is intolerable to

In a letter to France's education minister, the International League Against Racism and Antisemitism denounced the assignment as

Auschwitz building halted again, Page 3

French minister launches probe into against a chemistry teacher who asked her engine produce per hour?" class to calculate how much carbon monoxide

# Initial coalition talks end; real bargaining begins

THE first round of coalition negoand the actual bargaining is nov

expected to begin in earnest.
With portfolio allocation in the offing, tension in all potential coalition partners is rising, espe-cially within the Likud where no one has a clue about Binyamin Netanyahu's intentions. Further in the background is the less likely but still possible option of nation-

By last night, all the parties considered for coalition membership had been received by the Likud negotiators and had aired their initial demands. Now it is the Likud's turn to reply, thereby shifting the coalition formation process into a higher gear.

The last to make their demands

were Yisrael Ba'aliya and the Third Way. Both announced that they had reached full agreement with the Likud on the issues which would feature in the coalition guidelines. However, both had tough demands as far as portfolios are concerned.

Yisrael Ba'aliya's Michael Nudelman, Yuli Édelstein, and Yuri Stern met with Likud negotiators, headed by MK Tzahi Hanegbi. They agreed with most of the Likud guidelines, and said their demands for maintenance of the religious status quo, for finding solutions non-Jewish family members facing halachic problems, and creating favorable conditions for the absorption of a million more immigrants had been

But they demanded the Housing portfolio (also sought by other parties) and one of the following: Education, Interior, Trade and Industry, or Labor and Social

**SARAH HONIG** 

two deputy ministers. Hanegbi told them he would pass on the requests.

conferred Netanyahu and emerged saying that the Likud's guidelines fit well with his party's principles, and that it is closer than ever to entering the coalition. Kahalani asked for two portfolios, which he wants fused into one - Transport and

Netanyahu will now have to begin making portfolio decisions. Likud insiders say they have never known a situation in which nothing leaks regarding ministerial appointments. The chief reason that Netanyahu personally holds all the cards and isn't showing them to anyone. His intensions are a mystery even to some of those closest to him.

This hasn't, however, stopped the political rumor mill. While a number of alternative versions of what can be expected for the most lucrative portfolios are circulating, most of the money in the Likud is on David Levy for Foreign Minister and Yitzhak Mordechai for Defense.

However, Ariel Sharon is not expected to get the Treasury and will probably be named trade and industry minister, with increased authority. This is seen as the explanation for why Sharon is reported to be peeved. His relations with Netanyahu are said to be on the verge of a rift. Finance, according to the more popular Likud scenario, will go to Dan

Meridor, meanwhile has begun along with MK Michael Eitan

the arduous task of drafting the coalition guidelines. MK Eliahu Ben-Elissar is said to be Netanyahu's candidate for Knesset Speaker. Likud and Labor MKs have been in touch, sounding each other out on a unity government. But this is being done without the Labor Party's authority, and no one in the Likud can really speak for Netanyahu. The big question mark is whether Netanyahu has in any way sanc-

tioned the feelers. The consensus is that the likelihood of a unity government is low, since Netanyahu can put together a comfortable coalition. But the threat of inviting Labor into his government will be helpful in lowering the partners

Likud pundits now suggest that clues to what Netanyahu has in mind will be found when and he announces who his appointees to the top portfolios will be. These are the portfolios which would have to be shared with Labor, should it be invited into the coalition. Thus, so long as no formal announcement has been made about Defense, Foreign Affairs, and Finance, the unity option remains alive, at least in theory.

Another clue is how long it takes Netanyahu to form his coalition. If he does not present his new government by June 17 when the new Knesset convenes for the first time - or shortly thereafter, the chances for national unity improve.

Likud negotiators, meanwhile, again made it clear to all likely coalition partners that there will be no amendment of the new basic law which sets an 18 minister and six deputy minister limit.



Members of the JNF of America's first-ever scuba diving mission to Israel and Egypt participate in opening day events at Caesarea.

Pictured (from left to right, front) are Judge Howard Stialter, Prof. Maureen Gordon; and biologist John Goretz. (Joe Makolm)

## Labor at odds over possibility of unity government

THE idea of joining a national unity government is causing controversy in the Labor Party, even though prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu has not even

Prime Minister Shimon Peres yesterday reiterated that Labor should not be the one to suggest a unity government, intimating that if an offer comes from Netanyahu, Labor would consider it.

Labor sources said Netanyahu has not yet revealed whether he intends to form a unity government. They pointed out that if Netanyahu gives the senior cabi-net portfolios - Defense; Foreign Affairs, and Finance - to Likud members, that would signal that he is not interested in having MICHAL YUDELMAN

Labor as a partner.

Minister Yossi Beilin, who last week opposed the idea, yesterday came out in favor of joining a unity government.

"Labor can serve in the opposition as the watchdog of the peace process, but if a respectable offer comes from Netanyahu, I think it would be a mistake to reject it," he said. "There is a very detailed timetable for the stages of the Oslo agreement and if we're in the government, we can see to it. that the timetable is adhered to." Beilin said Labor has three goals: continuing the peace process; strengthening its ties with those sectors of the public which drifted away from the party, such as the religious and new immigrants; and rehabilitating the party.

Ministers Ehud Barak, Avraham

Shohat, and Binyamin Ben-Eliezer reportedly also support joining a unity government. However, Tourism Minister Uzi Baram came out strongly against the possibility.

T'm a little embarrassed and ashamed that people in my party are raising the issue even before the Likud has suggested it, and before the ink has dried on Netanyahu is not suitable," Baram

"The proper thing to do is to let Netanyahu form a government and see how he functions and what his policy will be. We don't yet know who Netanyahu is and where he is heading."

Baram said that although the difference in the number of votes each candidate received was small, one candidate won and the other must be in the apposition.

"We received one percent less votes than Netanyahu and should be proud of the public which supported us," he said. "Today, we must organize the opposition and not waste energy in directions which are wrong and undesir-

## Netanyahu thanks Degel Hatorah for haredi support

PRIME-minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu went to Mea She'arim Rabbi Shalom Yosef Elyashiv, one of the rabbinic leaders of Degel Hatorah, to thank him for the massive support of the haredi commu-

nity. United Torah Judaism MK Ravitz said that Netanyahu told Elyashiv that he believes the declared support of the haredim a few days before the election created a degree of momentum in the campaign that helped him gain other votes as

the Jewish nature of the state and strengthen Jewish education, but did not go into detail.

He denied reports that Elyashiv had initiated the meeting to push the candidacy of Ariel Sharon for finance minister

Nevertheless, Ravitz did confirm that the religious parties, particularly UTJ, are lobbying for Sharon. "There is a feeling that he

understands our needs, that he is well. somebody we can work with,"
Ravitz said that Netanyahu Ravitz said. "We don't understand why he shouldn't be finance min-

ister. He was instrumental in putting together the agreement between Likud, Gesher, and

Ravitz said that over the years a chemistry has developed between haredi leaders and Sharon, due to his "deep respect and appreciation" for religion and for the role of religion in Jewish survival.

Sharon was the Likud's link with the haredi community in the last elections, and Ravitz said that although it was clear that Degel Hatorah's rabbis would support Netanyahu, Sharon was instrumental in swaying some of the hassidic rabbis affiliated with Agudat Yisrael.

Interfaith award

Archbishop Andrea di Monteze-

molo is to receive the International

Council of Christians and Jews'

Interfaith Gold Medallion today

from ICCJ Chairman Sir Sigmund

Stemberg. Jerusalem Post Staff

## Health Ministry warns of lettuce containing rat poison

RAT poison was found in lettuce sold in the Jerusalem area and, in a separate incident, was ingested by a two-year-old boy who collected it from the 1100r of a Kamat Gan store. A lettuce grower from Moshav Zohar in the south has admitted to illegally using the poi-

The Health Ministry yesterday warned the public not to eat lettuce strewn with green granules. The ministry received complaints about granules in lettuce from a Jerusalem woman and the Biblical Zoo, which obtained lettuce for the animals. Neither the woman nor the animals ate the poison. Lab tests disclosed the granules were rat poison. Anyone who finds lettuce that is at all suspicious should bring it to the nearest district health office. The ministry said it had received no reports in recent days of anyone poisoned by such a chemical Ministry inspectors have been collecting the affected lettuce from shelves for destruction.

Meanwhile, the Israel Consumer Council said yesterday that it had received a complaint from a family whose toddler swallowed rat poison spread about on the floor of the Home Center store in Ramat Gan. Council chairman Zvi Ramot demanded that the store prevent a recurrence.

The council said it had turned to the Health and Environment Ministries about the incident, but each said it was not responsible for supervising such a store. The family claimed it hadn't yet received an apology from Home Center even though it demanded action to prevent à récurrence.

## Old friends': Peres and Weizman have breakfast

MICHAL YUDELMAN

OUTGOING Prime Minister Shimon Peres met yesterday morning at Beit Hanassi with President Ezer Weizman. After a 45-minute tete-a-tete

over breakfast, Weizman accompanied Peres out to meet reporters and, in answer to a question, said the two had not discussed a national unity gov-

"We've been friends for 45 years and we have plenty to talk about apart from the state of things," Weizman said. "Anyway, we're all in a state of transition from one situation to another here, and that gave us a lot to discuss."

Asked about the possibility of a national unity government, Peres said: "The one who is forming a government is Binyamin Netanyahu. If he has any suggestions in the matter, he will make them. I don't think our side should propose anything, except good wishes, and to transfer the administration in an orderly and responsible manner."

- Commenting about reports that he might be fielded as United Nations secretary-general, Peres said he too had heard "that gossip, but so far nobody has approached me on the issue and I didn't broach it with anyone

#### Court: Shetreet can't appoint 15 to Druse council

THE High Court of Justice yesterday issued a temporary restraining order Religious Affairs barring Minister Shimon Shetreet from appointing anyone to the Druse Religious Council until the court issues its ruling on a petition against the appointment procedure.

The request for the order was filed by attorney Michael Corinaldi, who represents Sheik Hamzat Halabi, of Daliat al-Carmel.On May 28, the day before the elections, Shetreet appointed 15 members to the 60member council, in accordance with the procedures that several Druse are petitioning against. -The order was issued by Justices

Eliezer Goldberg, Mishael Cheshin, and Yitzhak Zamir. "It seems appropriate that

passed three guards at the

Ministry of Defense late

Monday night, making his way

past the office of Defense Minister Shimon Peres before

he was stopped on the seventh

at the time, so the guards were

Peres was not in the building

Shetreet would wait until after the elections to appoint new council members to enable the new religious affairs minister to study the issue," Cheshin said.

Meanwhile, the Attorney-General's Office ordered the Education Ministry not to appoint a senior deputy director-general until the formation of the new government. The order came at the request of the jurists' group

In early May, Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair had instructed all cabinet minister not to appoint new directors of governmentowned companies or new officers to senior ministry posts until a new government is in place.

Petition against new Mifal Hapayis head, Page 8

General Security Service agents, an official said.

The man was said to be men-

Three Defense Ministry

guards were suspended for neg-

ligence, the official said.

tally unstable and did not say

why he was there.

#### The Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel (ICCI)

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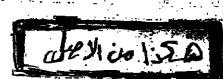
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LOCKHEED Martin has won a \$6.2 million air force contract for the supply of subsystems for the F-15I fighter-jet, company executives said yesterday.

The Israel Aircraft Industries' contract has been awarded to Lockheed Martin's Sanders subsidiary for the production of the Air Force Mission Support System [AFMSS], a subsystem aimed at providing support for fighter missions. The four subsystems to be delivered to Israel are manufactured by Sanders' Information Systems division for the US Air Force.

"This contract represents the growing interest in the capabilities of the Sanders's Mission Support System," said Mike Toumas, the company's international business

development manage Executives said AFMSS is a computerized system that provides the air crew with help in pre-mission planning and postmission debriefing. Its tasks include flight-planning computation, threat and terrain analysis, optimum route selection, and tar-

get weapon delivery planning. Israel is the latest client of the Sanders AMFSS subsystem. Executives said other customers include the Italian Air Force and the British government.

Sanders will also provide the air force with the Common Mapping Production System. Executives said the subsystem processes all mapping and imagery data from a variety of sources and converts it into a graphics format used by the mis-

sion planning crew. Executives said Sanders will also help the IAF to develop with units to coordinate the weaponry and electronics for the F-15L which is being manufactured by Lockheed Martin's rival, McDonnell Douglas.

### IAI supplies its first railroad cars

ISRAEL Aircraft Industries' Ramta division is supplying the first Israeli-made railroad cars, executives said yesterday.

The first order for Ramta's cars was from Israel Railways. Itordered seven, which were produced in Ramta's Beersheba plant, in a contract set at \$10 mil-

IAI executives said the contract is a milestone in Ramta's gradual attempt to manufacture for the civilian market. They said ADrranz Denmark A/S, which was Ramta's partner in the deal, will allow the consortium to compete for foreign contracts in the

railway field. Ramta also has plans to supply other systems to Israel Railways. Israel Railways, with Ramta's help, has lent two of Ramta's refurbished railroad cars to the US train company Amtrak as demon-stration models. Executives say the cars will remain in the US for

30 months. Ramta was established in the 1960s and employs 400 workers. For years, the IAI plant manufactured patrol boats for the navy, including the Dabur and its suc-

Ramta also has manufactured equipment to dismantle mines and

agriculture".

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This is the previously unpublished model of a memorial to Raoul Wallenberg by the noted artist Philip Jackson, which is to be erected in Great Cumberland Place, London, in front of the Marble Arch Synagogue. The erection of the monument is a project of the International Council of Christians and Jews.

(Text: Haim Shapiro; Photo: Michael Chevis)

#### 'Basic **NEWS IN BRIEF** scientific research **Israel Museum awards honorary fellowships** The Israel Museum's Board of Directors, now headed by Dan Meridor, has awarded honorary fellowships to Lea Rabin, the Safra

director emeritus.

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BASIC scientific research has been neglected by many governments over the years, and the average scientist is too old, according to Prof. Yitzhak Pamas, chairman of the National Council for Research and

Development. Speaking yesterday at a ceremony opening the Zlotovsky Center for Neurological Sciences at Ben-Gurion University in Beersheba, Pamas charged that the political leadership has not given high priority to the devel-opment of science.

"Israeli science - not applied, but basic science — is many years behind where it should be compared to the accepted standards in the Western world," he said. "For us to compete with our colleagues [abroad], there is an urgent need

to change priorities." Parnas urged the new government to invest \$100 million - or at least \$10 million a year over the next decade - on basic research to correct chronic under-

In addition to this lag, scientists here are "old" compared to those in the rest of the Western world. "The average age of Israeli scientists is 53 - compared to 30 to 45 in the rest of the world."

Younger scientists, he said, are more likely to take advantage of their optimum potential.

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CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

The Ministry of Science and the Arts wishes to correct an

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above Call for Proposals which was published in the Friday, 31 May edition of the Jerusalem Post.

The third topic under the heading "Agricultural Biotechnology" should have read: "Biotechnological techniques within aquaculture", rather than "hydroponic

The Ministry apologizes for this error and advises all interested parties to refer to the full, detailed text of the Call

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# Weapon snatched from sleeping soldier in Gaza lookout

A PALESTINIAN sneaked up to a sleeping soldier on guard duty in Gaza yesterday and stole his weapon, the army said. Another soldier who witnessed the inci-

dent opened fire, but missed. A large number of troops combed the area and called on Palestinian police to track down the thief. Palestinian police later arrested the suspect and returned

the weapon, the army said. The incident occurred at the Kisufim position inside the Gaza Strip yesterday morning. Reports

from Gaza said a passing Palestinian noticed that the soldier had fallen into a deep sleep, with his weapon resting next to him. He sneaked up to the position, grabbed the rifle and started running away.

Another soldier saw the incident and ordered the Palestinian to halt

"He opened fire at the thief but did not hit him," an army state-

The IDF Gaza Brigade commander personally investigated the incident, the army said. It added that military police had also opened an investigation and will turn over its findings to the military prosecutor. The two soldiers were both tried an sentenced to 70 days of hard labor for negligence, and the company commander was transferred from his position. The Palestinian is under custody of the Palestinian Police and is being

# Polish authorities order halt to Auschwitz shops

POLISH authorities yesterday renewed an order halting construction of a controversial shopping center near Auschwitz, after the developer resumed work

without permission. The governor of the province in which the camp stands slapped a new suspension order on the project, PAP news agency reported. News early this year that a developer had gained permission to turn existing buildings opposite the gate of the museum at the former camp into a shopping center for local people aroused strong international condemnation from Jewish and other

The Warsaw government backed arguments that the project was inappropriate, and provincial authorities suspended further

On Monday, the developer, the Maja Foundation, announced that work had resumed. It argued that

**MARILYN HENRY** and news agencies

which building can be suspended had expired.

But Bielsko-Biala provincial governor Marek Trombski said the work had been suspended by administrative order and the resumption announced by Maja's president was not legal. "I am astonished that he is trying to do this in a situation where

this matter is being broadcast around the whole world. This is bad for our country," he told PAP, accusing Maja of trying to force A senior Maja executive told Reuters his company, tied to a

charity, had dropped its original plan to build two shops and a restaurant for a retail firm and to serve the town of Oswiecim. Tadeusz Kasperczyk said it had

museum, to create a fast-food outlet and small shop serving museum visitors so that facilities such as the book stall and snack bar could be removed from the site of the camp itself.

News that the project had been resumed evoked an angry response from World Jewish Congress vice president Kalman Sultanik, a member of the international committee Auschwitz\_

"We do not intend to stand idly by while some developer tries to make a profit on the blood of Jewish and non-Jewish martyrs," Sultanik said in New York. The current imbroglio demonstrates a conflict between national and local authorities, sources in Warsaw and Washington said. 'Auschwitz should be under direct control of central authori-

ties," one Polish source said. "The town authorities clearly are unable to understand the sig-

#### the two-month period under tee overseeing the Auschwitz US comedy trio opens 'The Bible' at Israel Festival

now adopted a proposal made in

April by an international commit-

HELEN KAYE

NO one will be spared, and "we hope to offend everybody equaldeadpanned the Reduced ly," deadpanned use assured Shakespeare Company's Phil Abrahams yesterday. The US

Abrahams yesterday. The US comedy trio opened its The Bible: The Complete Word of God (Abridged) at the Israel Festival last night.

Explaining that the group's expertise is reducing long and sometimes boring works into snappy shows, RSC founder Reed Martin said that "the material we like to note with hes to rial we like to work with has to have a lot of sex, violence, money, and power and what's better for that than the Bible? Trying to abridge the Bible into a one-and-a-half-hour show is an idiotic undertaking. We're a bunch of idiots, and so it suits

The trio kept reporters guffaw-ing even during the press confer-ence, and Old City passersby gawked when they showed up



wear in the show. The idea of abridging the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, derived from their 1993 Festival stint, when they convulsed audiences with an abridged Complete Works of Shakespeare. For Israel, the RSC has woven material on Jerusalem

for a photo session near the Jaffa Gate in the "biblical" dress they

and current politics into the

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JT foyer. Jazz, Danny Sagi Quinter in a salute to Nat King Cole, 11 p.m. (FREE)

Gerard Behar. Dance, Every Word a Gold Coin's Worth, from Slovenia's Betontanc, 9 p.m. Notre Dame de Sion: Music, Songs Inner and Revealed, 8:30 p.m. Kfar Saba Municipal Auditorium: Ethnic jazz. Denis Fournier

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family (Edmond, Lily, Moise, Cheila, Joseph, and Vicky), William S. Ehrlich, and Harry Torczyner in thanks for their support of the museum. The fellowships were awarded at this week's convocation

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Weyl, who steps down after 21 years at the museum to become

Fauvism exhibition set for Tel Aviv Museum

paintings by Matisse, Derain, Dufy, and others, on loan from private

and public collections here and abroad, will open tomorrow at the Tel Aviv Museum. The initial showing will be for museum patrons and members only. The exhibition will open to the general public

"Fanvism - Wild Beasts," an exhibition featuring some 60 oils

Two brothers found guilty of manslaughter

years' imprisonment with labor for the manslaughter of Doron

Ben-Horesh last summer. The men's families had a history of

Tel Aviv District Court yesterday sentenced Moshe Alimazi, 30, to 15 years' imprisonment with labor, and his brother Uri, 43, to 10

conflict, and the Alimazis suspected that Ben-Horesh had murdered their brother Michel in December 1994.

Itim

UN official urges lifting of closure
A senior UN official yesterday called on Israel to lift its closure of

the West Bank and Gaza Strip and to transfer tax revenues to the

Palestinian Authority to save the Palestinian self-rule areas from

financial collapse. Terje Larsen, UN special envoy to PLO-ruled

financial crisis and urged donor countries to speed up the disbursement of promised funds. "The new Israeli government

donor states to prevent a financial collapse of the Palestinian

areas, said PA President Yasser Arafat's administration was facing

must quickly take steps together with the Palestinian Authority and

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Chechen rebel chief of staff Aslan Maskhadov (center), surrounded by bodyguards, arrives for talks with the Russian delegation in

## Russia changes tone on NATO growth

RUSSIA softened its strident opposition to NATO's expansion plans yesterday, hinting at a possible compromise and signalling its desire to start work towards a new pact between the former enemies.

Just two weeks before Russian presidential elections, Russian Minister Yevgeny Primakov told his NATO counterparts Russia could live with enlargement under certain condi-

"Primakov said Russia had no basic objection to other countries' desires to become NATO members, but Russia decisively opposed moving NATO military structures up to Russia's borders," German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel told reporters.

Primakov was less direct, however, tefling reporters after a session with his counterparts from the 16 NATO nations. "Our discussions were very constructive and useful. "Russia seeks to develop its relations with NATO."

Primakov previously has said Russia considered NATO's plans to absorb former Soviet allies in Eastern Europe into the western defense alliance a threat.

"I was very pleasantly surprised by the very positive tone and the Foreign Minister Hans van Mierlo said after yesterday's meetings, held News agencies BERLIN

on the second day of NATO foreign ministers' bi-annual gathering. Other NATO officials described Primakov as being more flexible in tone but not in position.

Kinkel and other NATO officials, including the French and Americans, declined to characterize Primakov's comments as a softening of position but said Russia's tone was more coopera-

Kinkel said Primakov still feels such steps as establishing new bases close to Russia are unaccept-

"We would have difficulties when the military infrastructure is extended to our borders," Kinkel quoted Primakov as saying, adding that Primakov said Russia was willing to discuss compromises.

NATO ministers have consistently ruled out any Russian veto and again made this clear to Primakov

Several officials said it appeared Russia had accepted it could not stop the enlargement. "They can live with it," one NATO official. speaking on background, paraphrased Primakov as saying.

adapting their position to the fact that NATO will enlarge," said Slovenia's acting foreign minister, Zoran Thaler.

Eastern European countries once allied with the Soviet Union under the Warsaw Pact are now lining up to join NATO, but no timetable was discussed in talks yesterday between NATO and the affiliated members of its North Atlantic Cooperation Council.

The desire of our eastern neighbors to accede to the alliance is legitimate," German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said at the meeting.

"I welcome with satisfaction the apparent evolution of the Russian position," Polish Foreign Minister Dariusz Rosati told Associated Press Television. Poland is a prime

NATO candidate. "They begin to understand they don't have a reason to be afraid of an enlarged NATO." NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana called yesterday's talks "very constructive, very positive

and very cordial." Primakov expressed Russia's interest in participating in NATO efforts to build tactical anti-missile defense systems and suggested step-ping up the pace of NATO-Russian meetings, the alliance official said.

NATO officials denied they were deliberately avoiding the touchy issue of expansion, especially as Russia's June 16 presidential vote

Ardent nationalists have mounted a strong challenge to pro-Western Boris Yeltsin's re-election

## Yeltsin rival looks for new allies

NOVOSIBIRSK (Reuter) -Communist leader Gennady Zvuganov held out an olive branch vesterday to some rivals in to unite them with him against Kremlin chief Boris Yeltsin.

Interfax news agency quoted Zyuganov as saying in the Siberian city of Novosibirsk that he was ready to offer "posts in the government to all those who represent 'the third force'."

This usually means three other candidates - liberal economist Grigory Yavlinsky, retired gen-eral Alexander Lebed and eye surgeon Svyatoslav Fyodorov. We are holding intensive

talks," Zyuganov said. Itar-Tass news agency quoted Zyuganov as saying he would offer "third force" posts in his government if he wins the June I6 election. "You may consider my statement as an official

invitation," Tass quoted him as

Yavlinsky, Lebed Fyodorov have tried and failed to unite to form a "third force" challenge to Yeltsin and

Zyuganov is challenging Yeltsin's re-election hopes by playing on hardships suffered millions of Russians in a chaotic transition towards a market economy. Although he led Yeltsin early

in the campaign, opinion polls now say the Kremlin leader, who is heavily backed by television channels and liberal newspapers, has overtaken him. One weekend poll showed 35 percent of those questioned

would vote for Yeltsin, compared

to 24 percent for Zyuganov. Zyuganov's camp says the polls are wrong and that their own surveys show that their candidate will win. But the communist leader is clearly searching for ways to revitalize his campaign.

## Japan shoots down US bomber by mistake

HONOLULU (AP) - A Japanese destroyer accidentally shot down a US attack bomber during joint military exercises off Hawaii. Its two American crew members ejected safely and were rescued in good condition.

Japan quickly apologized for the accident, which happened at 0515 GMT yesterday as the US Navy's A-6E intruder was towing a gunnery target 2,500 km west of Hawaii. For as-yet unknown reasons, the Japanese vessel Yungiri fired at the target but hit the plane,

and it crashed in the Pacific.
The pilot, Lt. Cmdr. William Royster of Kansas City, Missouri, and bombardier-navigator, Lt. Keith Douglas of Birmingham, Alabama, were rescued within minutes by the Yuugiri and were able to walk. The men were taken by helicopter to their home ship, aircraft carrier USS Independence, for treatment.

Royster had facial lacerations and was listed in good condition after surgery on the ship; Douglas

sions and returned to duty, said Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Alderson, a spokesman for the Pacific Fleet. The Independence was expected to arrive back in Honolulu by Saturday.

"It's a unique and unfortunate accident, but it's not a tragedy because we recovered both crew members in good condition,' Capt. Steve Clawson, spokesman for the US Pacific Fleet.

The Japanese Defense Agency apologized to the US military and decided to halt shooting practice using live ammunition, said spokesman Matsumura.

The 137-meter Yuugiri, which carries a crew of about 200, was using a 22 mm weapons system capable of firing bursts of 3,000 rounds per minute, said Tensuke Kobayashi, a Japanese navy offi-

Kobayashi said mechanical trouble in the weapons system may have caused the accident. "Apparently the missiles were launched when they weren't

meant to be," he said. Cmdr. Keith Arteburn of US Pacific Fleet said he couldn't con-

firm whether a mechanical malfunction was at fault. Pentagon spokesman George Lennon in Washington said the Japanese reported the downing

immediately back through the various chains of command. Japan Defense Agency official Tsutomu Sugiyama said eight Japanese escort vessels, a supply ship, flying corps, eight subma-rine chasers and one submarine were participating in the month-long exercises, which began May

The annual maneuvers - called RIMPAC, for Rim of the Pacific were launched by Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Canada in 1971. New Zealand later withdrew from the group; Japan has been participating since

This is the first such accident involving Japan since it began participating in the RIMPAC exercises, Kobayashi said.

## Ariane 5 blown up after take-off

KOUROU, French Guiana (AP) -Technicians deliberately blew up Europe's newest unmanned satellite-launching rocket yesterday seconds after take-off as a safety precaution, launch officials said.

They said the decision to blow up the rocket by remote control was made when it appeared the rocket was veering off its trajectory, raising the risk it might crash into Earth. French TV showed footage of

the burning wreckage of the Ariane 5 rocket falling back to Earth. The European Space Agency had tout-ed its launch at 2:33 p.m. Paris time as a new age in commercial satellite technology. The rocket was on its first vov-

age after 10 years and \$7 billion of development by some of Europe's top scientists.

Michel Migliot, director of the Guiana Space Center, said the rocket exploded at a beight of

"The accident took place over a

ground personnel nor members of the public were visibly affected,"

The aftermath looked earily like the 1986 explosion of the US space shuttle Challenger. As it blew apart shortly after launch, the Ariane 5 spewed fragments of burning wreckage and left a similar long plume of smoke in the sky.

The disaster deals a huge setback to Arianespace, the space agency's commercial satellite launching arm, which had counted on the new rocket to lock up a market it aiready dominates.

"It's a disappointment, but we have to bounce back. Life goes said Arianespace President Claude Bigot.

The Ariane 5, the successor to the long-successful Ariane 4, blasted off from the space agency's sprawling facility in French Guiana on the northeastern shoulder of South America.

It was carrying four science satellites but no people. The satellites were destroyed along with the rocket, but their value wasn't immediately known.

The launch was one hour later than scheduled because of cloudy weather conditions that would have prevented scientists from obtaining clear film footage of all the stages of the maiden voyage.

Backed by 53 European shareholders, mostly governments and state-run companies, French-led Arianespace now dominates roughly 60 percent of the multi-billion-dollar launch market, its rockets raking in \$1 billion a year. Arianespace, which built its suc-

cess on the more conventional single-stage Ariane 4, had staked its future to the squat new Ariane 5. Its unusual twin boosters were supposed to cut launch costs by 20 percent by handling two bulky satellites at a time. Arianespace President Bigot said

the 87th satellite launch of the Ariane 4 would take place in eight

## Quiet mourning marks Tiananmen anniversary

BELIING (AP) - Police dragged at least one person away from Tiananmen Square vesterday as mourners quietly marked the seventh anniversary of the army mas-

Yesterday the square was filled with the usual crowd of Chinese and foreign tourists. A heavy contingent of plainclothes police was there too.

The brutality of the military attack in 1989 and a heavy police presence on Beijing's streets during anniversaries have effectively dissuaded most Chinese from public commemorations.

But one young woman braved the certainty of arrest to carry a large bouquet of flowers to the obelisk Memorial to the People's Heroes at the heart of the square. The woman carried the flowers

almost on to the white marble steps of the memorial before uniformed police dragged her from the square and across the street. The woman resisted as police seized the flowers, forced her into

a motorcycle sidecar, and drove

away with her legs still in the air, leaving behind a pile of yellow chrysanthemum petals. Wary of such protests, police on

the square checked identity cards suspect. Earlier in the morning. one young man was stopped by police but was then let go. Public acts of protest or mourn-

ing are prohibited in China, particularly in Tiananmen Square. A sign on the memorial's platform put up after the 1989 crackdown warns against touching it or laying any flowers or printed matter without advance permission from the government. Violators, it says, will be sternly punished.

Seven years ago, the Tiananmen demonstrations began with university students laying bouquets and wreathes near the marble stele following the April 15 death of former Communist Party leader Hu Yaobang, an outspoken reformer ousted in 1987 for not halting student protests.

The students first demanded rehabilitation of Hu's reputation.

As the protests grew, their demands expanded to include the ouster, of corrupt leaders and democratic reforms. Near the memorial, they erected their own

Democracy." When the numbers in the square topped 1 million, party elders and hard-liners feared their legitimacy would be forever diminished and decided to strike back.

Supported by tanks and other armored vehicles, soldiers began moving into Beijing on June 3, and in the early hours began firing into astonished crowds that tried to block their way.

Hundreds, perhaps thousands, are believed to have been killed on the streets. The party insists no one died in Tiananmen Square.

More police were stationed in Beijing's university district, where the 1989 demonstrations began. Police detained a reporter and cameraman from the ABC television network for two hours after they shot footage of Beijing University from a car.

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### UN conference aims to deal with urban problems ISTANBUL (AP) - Across town

from Istanbul's teeming slums, delegates opened a UN conference on urban problems by promising bold steps to curb the misery caused by migration to the world's big cities. Crime, squalor, homelessness

and crumbling roads and bridges were among the issues raised at the Conference on Human Settlements, held some 8 km from Istanbul's slums in a plush new conference center. Advocates for the poor were

not impressed by the promises.
"It's just words," said
Brazilian slum activist Jamie Silva. "I want to believe the UN will make a difference, but the problems are too big. Their speeches are just spit in the

The urgency was amplified by UN predictions cited by the speakers: More than half the

world's population will be city dwellers by the end of the century. By 2025, the number could rise to almost two-thirds, most of them in developing nations, including the enormous mega-lopolises of Asia and Latin America.

"We have little time to act." said Fabio Giraldo, Colombian vice minister of development.

The World Bank proposed tripling investment in urban areas to \$15 billion during the next five years. Others spoke of rehabilitating shantytowns and connecting them to water and sewage lines, but there were few specifics.

The crises of urban development are crises of all states, rich and poor," said the UN secretary-general, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, in his opening speech.

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all have a stake in the management of growth and development."

. At a time of quick, easy commerce and communication, there is little nations can do to protect themselves from urban poverty problems, Boutros-Ghali said.

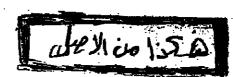
Poor immigrants stream toward richer nations or swell cities in their homelands. Unrest in one country can shake an economy halfway

around the world, Boutros-Ghalf added. Despite appeals for cooperation, disagreement over the direction of the conference had

already surfaced by the end of day one. Delegates from Asia and South America complained about Western reluctance to aid urban projects because of fears of corruption and mismanage-

The Vatican and others are pushing for more attention to families

The US opposes any statement in conference documents insist-ing that people have a right to demand housing from governments. Its delegation proposed a passage saying governments have "some form of responsibility in the shelter sector."



# PA leaders hope Netanyahu will honor Oslo

ALESTINIAN officials still have a variety of opinions about relations with the new Israeli government but those interviewed all agreed Hebron will be the first test of the Binyamin Netanyahu version of the peace process.

Many PA officials told The Jerusalem Post they believe Prime Minister-elect Netanyahu to be a pragmatic man who will continue the peace path.

"Now he is a prime minister who must represent all Israelis and who will also be subject to international pressures," said one Palestinian negotiator. "It is better to deal with a strong government which represents the majority of the Israeli people - as long as it is committed to honor the agreements and the peace process," he

He said the PA and the outgoing

government had agreed redeploy-ment from Hebron would take place after the elections and future relations between the PA and the Netanyahu government will depend very much on whether the latter keeps that commitment

Hebron, however, is not the only issue left over from the interim agreement Free passage between Palestinian areas, bypass roads and land appropriations remain unresolved issues, the PA negotiator said.

Further redeployment is slated to begin six months after the completion of the first phase of the agreement.

Under the Oslo accords, Israel is to hand over security responsibilities in Area B and in most unpopulated parts of Area C in three phases over a period of two years. At the end of this, more than twothirds of the territories would be

under Palestinian Settlements and negotiated military installations would remain in Israeli hands.

The official said the system of joint security cooperation is part of the Oslo agreements and will remain in place, but its success depends on good relations and trust between the officers of both sides. He said it will be important for the new government to maintain existing relations and build on them as the former government

AHMED Qreia, the speaker of the elected Palestinian council said it is far too early to judge the new government from the Palestinian perspective.

We have signed an agreement with the State of Israel and must deal with its elected government," he said. "We hope that the governLAMIA LAHOUD

ment will honor Israel's commitment to peace and the Oslo accords.

A Fatah member of the Palestinian council said he believes Netanyahu can unite the majority of Israelis behind him and saw a good sign in the swift contact a Netanyahu aide made with the PA's chief negotiator Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) to ensure the Palestinian negotiations will continue.

The council member, who asked not to be identified, also agreed Hebron is the first crucial issue. He said if the new government refused to redeploy, the situation in the territories could deteriorate, endangering the whole peace

He also said the PA must develop a strategy for the new realities and that the PA had been overconfident that Shimon Peres would win and had no contingency plan for the new situation.

Marwan Barghouteh, the secretary of Fatah's high committee, said he finds it difficult to understand how Netanyahu can continue the peace process if surrounded by such hardline opponents of Oslo as Ariel Sharon and Rafael Eitan. However. "If the new government honors the Oslo accord, the PA will do all that's necessary to control Islamic fundamentalists and others who want to anack Israelis, but if the government refuses to implement the agreements, I can't see how Yasser Arafat will have enough popular support to act against them," Barghouteh said.

"It will not be difficult for us to

unite all PLO factions to deal with any threats posed to the peace process by the new government."

THE Fatah executive committee met on Sunday to discuss the of government. Committee member Ahmed Edik said Fatah fears Netanyahu will not leave Hebron, will extend settlements and will refuse to discuss Jerusaiem.

If necessary, Fatah will prepare a "struggle program" starting with demonstrations and pressure groups on the issue of Hebron, he

He said Fatah has urged Arafat to concentrate on the West Bank rather than Gaza, and to set up a second headquarters there. "We demand that Arafat spends more time in the West Bank, since [that is where) any struggle with the

new government will be," he said, In an official statement after the meeting, the Fatah committee called on Arab states to close their doors to Netanyahu and his government if they fail to honor the autonomy agreements. But the committee did vote to foster good relations with all pro-peace factions in the Knesset and with the Israeli Arab parties so they could lobby jointly for the peace process, Barghouteh said.

Hebron's Mayor Mustafa Naishe said the town's Palestinians would ask Arafat to halt all peace and final-status talks with Israel if the redeployment did not take place: "We feel the Israelis are playing with us. Peres promised redeployment after the elections, now he wants to leave it for a new government whose leader has been saying it will not redeploy."

## Qatar agrees to mediation with Bahrain

ATAR has agreed to withdraw a petition at the international court a territorial dispute with Bahrain, but only if Saudi mediation can achieve a breakthrough.

"When the Saudi mediation finds a satisfactory solution to the dispute for both parties we will withdraw the case," Qatar's foreign minister said this week.

"Our door is still open for reaching a solution," the official Saudi Press Agency quoted Sheikh Hamad bin Jasim Al Thani, the Qatari minister, as

Bahrain called on Qatar to withdraw its case at the international court and solve the dispute through direct talks or Saudi mediation.

Both parties had in the past sought Saudi mediation, but Oatar unilaterally took the case to the International Court of

Justice five years ago.

Bahrain, on its part, has rejected the court's jurisdiction and boycotted its sessions.

Tight

The Bahrain-Qatar dispute is over a chain of islands and shoals, territorial water boundaries and the Zubara land strip in Qatar, where Bahrain's ruling family lived 200 years ago.

The conflict flared in 1986. when Oatari helicopters seized 29 workers of a Dutch firm sent by Bahrain to the Fasht al-Dibal reef to build a Bahraini coast guard station there.

Bahrain's emir meanwhile announced he is expanding the size and power of an appointed consultative council, a move officials say is aimed at countering the political turbulence that began 18 months ago.

"It is now propitious and convenient ... to develop the Majlis al-Shura council," Sheik Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa was quoted as saying by the Gulf News Agency.

The members of the council will be handed the new task of studying all that pertains to the daily life of the people," he said during the closing session of the current council, known in Arabic as the Majlis al-Shura.



Lebanon's pro-Iranian Hizbullah chief Hassan Nasrallah uses a handkerchief as he sits between Hizbullah's spiritual leader Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah (left) and Sheikh Ihrahim al-Sayyed (right) at the Iranian embassy in Beirut on Monday during a rally marking the seventh anniversary of Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini's death. Nasrallah told Prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu that his fighters would retaliate in kind for any Israeli attacks.

## Iranian official warns US against attack

Land even the United States should think twice about a possible confrontation, a senior franian nander said this week.

Brig.-Gen. Ahmad Dadbin, commander of the army's ground forces, told the Kayhan Havai weekly that last month's military maneuvers in which 200,000 troops took part were proof of Iran's might.
"We are strong enough to

defend ourselves, whoever the aggressor may be," Dadbin told the English-language paper.

The Americans should think twice before attacking us. I believe no country in the world would dare to attack us."

The US has not suggested any attack against Iran. But Israeli leaders have raised the possibility of attacking atomic facilities where Iran allegedly is engaged in building nuclear weapons.

Dadbin said Iran had the technology to build missiles, but gave no details about the program.
"We have achieved the technology of missile production, and

In the wide-ranging interview,

this alone is a great achievement," Dadbin was quoted as saying. He suggested Iran was prepared to go to war over its claim on Abu

RAN'S military is strong Musa and the Greater and Lesser enough to stand up to anyone, I dutos, three Persian Gulf islands over which the United Arab Emirates also claims sovereignty.

"The islands are ours and we are I vow that any threat against an inch of Iranian territory will be met by a response from our strong army," Dadbin said.

The three islands dominate the approaches of the Strait of Hormuz at the mouth of the Gulf, through which pass about one-fifth of the world's oil supplies.

Iran took control of the two Tunbs in early 1970s after the British withdrew from the region. It shared sovereignty of Abu Musa with the UAE until 1994,

when it seized full control. Several rounds of talks with the UAE have failed to produce an agreement on the dispute.

Iran's new parliament this week elected a powerful hard-liner as its interim speaker but the vote suggested that neither of Iran's feuding radical and moderate factions have an overwhelming majority in the legislature. Official Teheran radio said Ali

Akbar Nateq-Nouri, who headed the last parliament throughout its four-year term, was temporarily reelected with 132 votes. It said Abdullah Nouri, a former interior minister picked by rival reformist technocrats as their choice for speaker, received 105 The radio said there were four

A final vote to elect a speaker for a one-year term will take place

in about two weeks. Nateq-Nouri's victory indicated a hard-line majority at present. However, some 29 seats remain to be filled in the 270-seat Mailis, or

parliament, in run-up elections later this year. A rival hard-line and moderate faction have been locked in a power struggle that has become more tense since the Majlis elections in March and April, in which both factions claimed to have won

a majority. The reformist moderates, led by President Hashemi Rafsanjani, want to ease strict Islamic social strictures and pursue a pragmatic foreign policy, which includes seeking foreign investment.

The hard-liners, who have dominated parliament for years, say that would open the door to Western influence and promote

The new parliament was inaugurated Saturday in a ceremony attended by the country's top offi-(News agencies)

UDAN has arrested 19 people for conspiring against the government, a charge

punishable by death. The men, aged between 20 and 40, were believed to be working with opposition groups, and at least two of them were trying to recruit members, the National

Salvation newspaper reported.

The men will face charges of "leading a war against the state and undermining the constitu-tional regime." Adel Abdel-Wahab, a government lawyer, told the newspaper.

when they were arrested. Lt.-Gen. Omar Hassan el-Bashir brought an Islamic fundamentalist government to power when he overthrew Sudan's democratically elected government in 1989.

The newspaper did not say

Bashir has called for an end to the civil war which he blamed for

the country's poverty.
"War has never been and will never be a solution to the problem," the president said in a speech to Sudan's parliament. This war has caused Sudan, and the south in particular, untold human and material losses." More than a million people

Sudan arrests 19 for plotting against the state

have died and hundreds of thousands have fled their homes in the 13-year-civil war and in famines aggravated by the fight-The government has touted

recent agreements with smaller rebel factions, but there is still no end in sight to a conflict that has desolated parts of southern Sudan.

The government says the fighting costs \$1 million a day, funds the cash-strapped state can hardly afford. Peace represents the biggest guarantee for development and stability in the coun-

try," Bashir said. Southern rebels - most of them Christians and adherents of tribal religions - are seeking autonomy

from the Arab-dominated north

led by Sudan's Islamic funda-

mentalist government. The government is now under UN diplomatic sanctions for its failure to turn over three suspects in the assassination attempt on Egypt's president in Ethiopia in June, and its relations with nearly all its neighbors have plum-

meted in recent years. Western aid has all but disappeared, and efforts at privatizing the economy have so far yielded few tangible benefits.

Inflation is officially put at 85 percent, but believed to be much higher.Bashir predicted that an end to the fighting would allow the utilization of oil reserves in southern and western Sudan.

## Gulf Arabs sound alarm bells on Iranian weapons

▼ ULF Arab states sounded alarm bells over Iran's efforts to develop weapons which the United States says far exceed its defense needs and accused Teheran of interfering in the affairs of Bahrain.

The Islamic republic's arms program was a threat to the region, the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) said in a statement this week-

The remarks, at the end of a foreign ministers' meeting in the Saudi capital Riyadh, changed the GCC's often cautions tone towards its much larger non-Arab neighbor across the Gulf

"It is a clear change from the previous statements like 'We all have to live together ... respect good neighborliness, " said a Western expert who closely follows Iran's rearmament plans.

"The [GCC] is very concerned. If Iran acquires a [North Korean] No-Dong missile deliv-ery system it will cover their entire states. If fired from the Iran-Iraq border, Iran can hit Israel," he said.

The change of tone appeared closer to that of the Gulf Arabs' main ally, the US, which accuses Iran of seeking to acquire weapons of mass destruction and of sponsoring terrorism

Washington also claims Teheran poses a threat to world shipping by deploying missiles in and around the Gulf. Experts say the US has recent-

ly shared with GCC countries -Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates - intelligence on Iran's military plans. Iran often says its defense

spending is less than that of Saudi Arabia, the largest customer in the region for US arms and an emerging military power. It says Western powers pre-

sent Teheran as a potential threat in order to sell even more weapons to oil-rich Gulf Arab

The GCC statement expressed concern over Iran's "continued keen efforts to acquire and build an armament capability which far exceeds its conventional and legitimate defense needs."

This poses a dangerous threat to the security and stability" in the Gulf, said the statement, which also called on world states and international bodies to work to make the region free of weapons of mass destruction.

The GCC also demanded "that Iran does not interfere in the

internal affairs of Bahrain and [other] member states.

' [It must not] revert to acts of sabotage and encouraging them, and must respect the independence and sovereignty of GCC

Asked about the change in tone, Oman's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Youssef bin Alawi bin Abdulla told reporters: "Bahrain has indications of

interference by known and confirmed elements in Iran. We [GCC] consider any interference or danger facing a member state as a matter touching us

At least 25 people have died

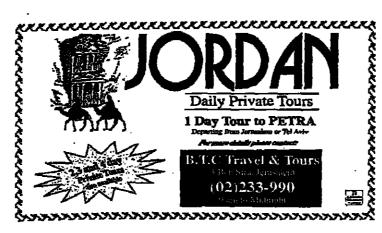
since December 1994 in protests mainly Bahrain's majority Moslem Shi'ite community against the island state's Sunni-dominated government.

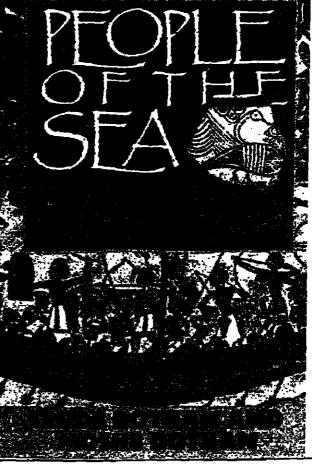
Predominantly Shi'ite Iran denies any role in the unrest and says it is of Bahrain's own mak-

There was no immediate response by Iran to the new GCC tone.

The GCC generally supported Iraq in its 1980-88 war against Iran but Gulf Arab ties with Teheran improved when the GCC failed to support Baghdad in the 1991 Gulf war over Kuwait. (Reuter)

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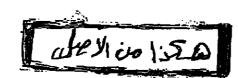
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#### Arab threats

hu's victory in stride. Although before the elections most governments openly expressed a preference for Prime Minister Shi-

THE world has taken Binyamin Netanya- PA would countenance similar threats by Israeli officials, let alone warnings against appointing the "wrong" ministers to their cabinets.

In their pursuit of the floating vote during the



tries to fulfill his campaign promises on Jerusaiem and the settlements."

Netanyahu can commit no graver error than to renew the negotiations with the PLO under such threats. Neither the Arab regimes nor the

out a counterproductive move which will omy. harden Palestinian positions. Netanyahu's conditions for the resumption of the talks are eminently reasonable. If he fails to stick to them he will be starting his tenure with a serious mis-

collective program, and the whole

Hamas community and organization

openly accept that the murderous

results of the lone bomber is their

work. Criminal law accepts that it is

not only the person who pulls the trigger or explodes the bomb who is

guilty, but also those who aid and

abet him, and recognizes accessories

before and after the fact as sharing

the guilt and the consequent punish-

ment of the direct immediate perpe-

trator. Furthermore, the system of

law of Western society recognizes

the legal and moral principle of es-

toppel: that if one stands by and

allows a crime or delict to be con-

summated without taking steps to

prevent it where he could, then he is

precluded from claiming for the

consequential harm. On this princi-

ple, if the Palestinian Authority does

not take all steps of preventing the

suicide bombers and their mentors

from causing harm to the inhabitants

of Israel, then they can hardly com-

plain if the defensive and preventive

measures which we take have the

consequence of detrimental effects

to the entire populace under their

SOLLY HARRIS

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### COLLECTIVE AND INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

Sir, - I appreciate the thoughtful nd sensitive letter of Jonathan Kutab (April 26) and there is much rith which I agree with him. Howver, it seems to me that Mr. Kuttab iid not read my article of April 9 ery well. He says: "It is a bold dmission that the practices of the losure are specifically intended to unish Palestinian society as a vhole. It does not attempt to dismise these activities as being 'pre-'entive' or necessary for security or n any way intended to keep out errorists bent on further bombings or protect the Israeli population." I pecifically said that "while the closure is motivated by security reaions, to the extent that it inevitably purts the entire Palestinian populaion, it is a collective punishment," and I particularly labeled the closure is a defensive and preventive meaarre. The motivation and purpose is not "a tribal lust for revenge" or 'starving the entire Palestinian popilation" or "denying medical care o babies and the elderly," as is evidenced by our having adjusted he closure to allow for the passage of food and urgent cases of medical are. Collective punishment can also be applied with discretion and com-

Germany is completely out of place. Despite what Mr. Kuttab says, modern civilized society has and does accept collective punishment in appropriate situations, not as an objective but as an inevitable consequence. In the case of apartheid in South Africa, all liberal-minded persons, and I am sure Mr. Kuttab amongst them, accepted economic and sports sanctions against that country. The motivation was to pressure that country to annul the iniquitous apartheid regulations and practices and to show the country as a whole that not to do so will bring them consequences which are detrimental to their welfare. As an inevitable consequence, many South Africans lost their jobs, and in effect more blacks than whites.

But the fallacy of Mr. Kuttab's argument is given in his own words. He says that "Humanity and decency must insist on ... individual responsibility for individual actions." agree with him entirely. This is precisely the point. If the action of the suicide bomber was an individual act then I would say unequivocally that we must go after him only and punish him only. But it is clear that the action of the suicide bomber is not an individual act but part of a

POSTNATAL DEPRESSION

Sir, - In your health column of May 19, Judy Siegel reports from The Lancet that the use of estrogen satches is effective for the treatment if postnatal depression (PND), paricularly because most prescribed lrugs for this condition are not suitble when breastfeeding.

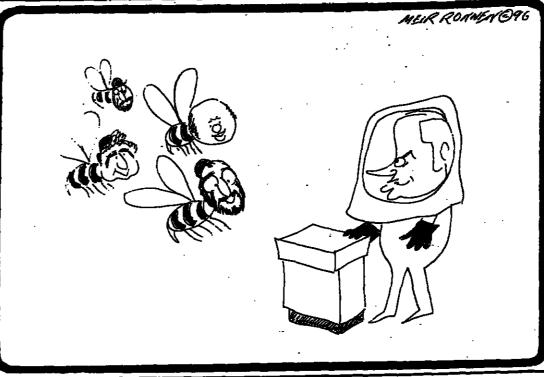
passion, and the analogy to Nazi

Estrogen is a hormone which is ertainly contra-indicated during reastfeeding and for this reason, sursing mothers are not recomnended to use estrogen-based conraceptive pills. The infant fed with nilk containing estrogen may be at isk of hormone-linked diseases and mbalance into adolescence and in ater life. Even the amount of estroens found in manufactured soya milk, which bottle-fed babies are often offered because it is less allergenic than cows milk, has led experts to think again before recommending this form of artificial milk.

On the other hand, there has been some success with the use of progesterone to prevent and treat PND. Dr. Katharine Dalton, a London-based specialist on this subject, has pioneered a treatment using controlled doses of progesterone, from the actual day of the birth continuing for several weeks, for women who are at risk for PND. Others, whose onset of depression was not predicted, have been prescribed progesterone for a limited period of time, with successful results. Nevertheless, although progesterone is not contraindicated for breastfeeding mothers, some women complain that it has reduced their milk supply.

The onset of PND is usually not solely hormonal, but is caused also by other factors such as social isolation, difficulties of adjustment, family problems, etc. There is no magic cure but it is essential that any drug or treatment prescribed does not also deprive the mother and baby of the experience of breastfeeding.

WENDY BLUMFIELD. Hon. President, Israel Childhirth Education Center



## That 55 percent of Jews

N Election Day, Benjamin Netanyahu had the support of a substantial majority of Israeli Jews. They included some leftists, plus moderate conservatives, centrists and much of the Orthodox right. This majority voted for peace, not war, with the Palestinians and other Arab peoples. They thought Netanyahu would be more likely to give them the reality of peace, not a charade of peace, than Shimon Peres.

But the depth and variety of Israeli Jews who supported Netanyahu and their desire for peace has never been grasped, or was ignored, by his opponents abroad, from President Clinton on down.

For years the opposite has been preached on TV and printed by American and European writers, politicians and academics who had committed themselves to Shimon Peres and the Labor Party. They painted all Israeli and foreign Jews who did not accept the Labor plan for a settlement with the Palestinians as enemies of peace. In the US Bill Clinton openly campaigned for Peres, violating international conduct and risking presidential credibility, his strange addiction.

Now that Netanyahu has won the election, it is important to understand how distorted this portrait of Israeli reality was and take it off the wall. Otherwise, achievement of peace will remain farmore difficult than it will if the ideas and hopes of this Jewish majority are decently respected.

Technically Netanyahu's edge came from a thin majority of the citizens of Israel. That was because 95 percent of Israeli Arabs voted for Peres. Maybe someday Arabs in Arab states will be given equal voting freedom.

A.M. ROSENTHAL

But it is hypocritical - worse, famous - not to acknowledge that the election was about the fate of a Jewish state. To work, those decisions must be by a Jewish majority.

MORE THAN 55 percent of Jews voted for Netanyahu. They did so despite Peres's whopping advantages - a healthy economy and tireless choreographed support

#### They voted for the hope that Netanyahu might create a peace they could trust

from President Clinton. And they did it despite the unrelenting pressure of ugly attack from abroad. No other majority is demonized as eager for bombs from neighbors to fall on its land, eager to keep its children in lifelong danger.

Their offense was to criticize Peres's peace plan; worked out in stealth. It included giving up most of the West Bank, plus the Golan Heights, the inevitability of a Palestinian state, and ambiguity about Jerusalem. And worst of all, subcontracting Israeli protection:

such things. That was before the 1992 election. So, plainly, the majority wondered which promises Peres would break this time if

idiocy - but for the hope that Netanyahu and a Likud-led coalition might create a peace they could trust while they slept, not just while they stood at arms.

Netanyahu would continue peace talks. He will not demand the return of the West Bank territory already given to the Palestinians. But he will ask for adjustments that would give Israel more military security. The Golan Heights: no. And he will insist that Israel, not Yasser Arafat, is responsible for the protection of Israelis against terrorism, from wherever it comes.

Netanyahu's job will not be merely to stand firm. He will have to do something new for him seize opportunities to move toward peace, even if some of his coalition object.

All the while, political attacks will resume against Israel from governments that patted it on the head for doing what they and Shimon Peres wanted. Some Arab leaders may not be so cozy to important Jewish visitors from America.

But others will remember that the only land-for-peace deal, with Egypt, was made not by Labor, but by the Likud's Menachem Begin. And given the Palestinian itch to run Jordan, maybe King Hussein will find limitation of their armed power bearable.

Those American Jews who will give israelis anything but forgiveagainst temprism to Yasser Arafat! " ness for a Labor defeat will try to Lahor, led by Yitzhak Rabinsindi andestroy a Netanyahu government. Peres, had said it would not do. They will resume the warmonger chant against the Israeli Jewish majority and maverick foreign journalists who try to explain it,

(Courtesy of the New York

#### elected. Is that hard to understand? The majority was not voting against peace - the very idea is Times)

was in the army reserves last Wednesday, and had to vote at a mobile polling booth. Waiting in the field to do our electoral duty, members of my unit got into a heated political argument. But there was one sentiment most of us, regardless of political opinion, seemed to share: disgust at the things Leah Rabin has been saying.

It set me thinking about other Israelis who suffered a tragic loss months before the Rabin assassination - Esther and Yehuda Wachsman, whose son Nachshon was kidnapped and murdered by Hamas terrorists.

How different, I thought, was the behavior of these ordinary people. Thrust suddenly into the public eye and forced to deal with a very difficult personal situation, the way they conducted themselves inspired sympathy and admiration at home and abroad.

Nachshon was murdered at a time when accusations against the government and its head were at their height, Given the Wachsmans ideological background, they could conceivably have used their predicament to underline what many considered

the folly of the Oslo agreements. They did not do this, and didn't allow others to make political capital out of their plight. Instead they kept their dignity throughout the tough, uncertain days of the kidnapping and during the controversy following the ill-fated rescue attempt. National unity seemed a supreme value for them, and that made every Israeli feel personally

involved in their tragedy. Nor did they exploit the situation to encourage hatred of Arabs. On the contrary: Some months later Yehuda Wachsman met with the father of one of his son's murderers. Together on TV they urged those who believe in God to find a way to peace.

Esther's campaigning for the National Religious Party in the elections shows that the Wachsmans are no doves; but in their tragedy they managed to set their political opinions aside for the greater good.

DAVID GRANIEWITZ

Private grief, public stance

COMPARE this to Leah Rabin's behavior following the shocking death of her husband. She might have been forgiven for her alleged refusal to shake Binyamin Netanyahu's hand at the funeral. The right wing was responsible for creating the atmosphere in which the assassination took place. But what about her spurning the

#### What a pity Leah Rabin didn't take a leaf out of the Wachsmans' book

murderer's mother, who appeared, initially at least, as devastated as any of us by her son's actions? A couple of months later, Rabin publicly announced that she was withdrawing her subscription to Ha' aretz because veteran columnist Yoel Marcus had dared to criticize her conduct on another matter. Rabin seemed determined to prove

that everyone owed her something. Then there were her comments during the elections. She said that Yigal Amir - whom she called "sub-human" - shouldn't have been allowed to vote. Fair enough, perhaps, but Rabin didn't mention the suffrage rights of other murderers. rapists and child molesters currently serving time. Should they too have been disenfranchised?

During the vote-counting, when it seemed that Peres would win by a small margin, Rabin commented to an interviewer that she couldn't understand "this people." It seemed the margin was too narrow. The electorate should really have stamped on Netanyahu & Co. As the outcome became apparent, Rabin became infuriated with the nation and made her now-notorious comment about feeling like leaving the country (which she later claimed had been quoted out of context).

She declared herself disappointed that Labor hadn't cashed in on her husband's assassination. As one who voted for Peres, I was pleased to see the assassination not made an election issue.

The right was responsible for the animosity toward the govern-ment and Rabin himself that led to the events of that terrible night last November. But they hadn't done anything new in Israeli politics.

The boot was on the other foot in 1982, when the left behaved similarly toward the Likud government of Menachem Begin because of the excesses of the Lebanon War - fortunately without such tragic outcome.

Exploiting Rabin's murder for political gain would harrily have brought about the needed change in the conduct of our political debate. And, if anything, the Likud toned down its personal attacks on Peres. I don't recall seeing any posters calling Peres a traitor, in contrast to the months preceding Rabin's murder, when attacking him for treason was de rigueur not only among extrem-

ists, but supposed moderates too. Leah Rabin could have done much to promote national unity after the assassination. She didn't need to forget, or to forgive those who bore some responsibility. Her own dignified conduct would have been enough to impress Israelis with the great need to change the way they relate to political opponents. A gesture or two might have gone a long way. Who knows, perhaps Shimon Peres would have

gained a few extra votes. Rabin could have been revered as a symbol, as her late husband is. Instead she has chosen the role of a bitter old lady who, judging from my conversations with people from both ends of the political spectrum, wouldn't be sorely missed if she did leave the country. What a pity she didn't take a leaf out of the Wachsmans' book.

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#### POSTSCRIPTI

MUGGERS ATTENDING their first conference in Bangladesh have decided to double their efforts at busy traffic intersections in the capital Dhaka.

Over 100 "delegates" bestowed the title "Master Hijacker" on the group's leader, Mohammed Rippon, for his record of 21 muggings in just two hours.

The muggers decided they should double their daily operations to 120 to meet "social and family demands."

## The debacle

HELEN MOTRO

DERES has what they used to call "Jewish eyes." Their inner sadness gives them

Even when he smiles his gaze never quite shakes off the hint of tragedy. And as the ancient Greeks observed, character is

That premomition of loss leaps out ironically at me from Peres's eyes in a campaign photograph as I leaf through the heap of cam-paign stickers I collected at highway intersections but never past-

ed onto my car.
Oscar Wilde lamented that "Each man kills the thing he loves." Now I and 49.5% of the nation bear that indictment firsthand in our own hearts.

At age 11 I became best camp friends with a new girl named Lori. We formed as strong a tie as children quickly can. Then one day I heard Lori talk offhandedly about her family as Republicans. Republicans! I had never even met one. I wouldn't have been surprised to hear that they had

homs. In my parents' circle voting Democrat was the sine qua non of democracy. And I, of course, was convinced the same was true for

all nice people. It appears that I still live in the cocoon of tny own conviction. Hardly knowing even one acquaintance who supported Netanyahu, I thought it incon-

ceivable that he should win. Only when I drove through the countryside two days before the elections and passed the hills plastered with giant banners predicting, in crimson paint, "Upset '96" did the unthinkable take shape and form.

And on election day, while Labor officials went docilely to observe formalities at polling booths. Netanyahu's people drove indefatigably through the streets of Jerusalem, back and forth for hours on end, their loudspeakers turned up full volume, urging every last eligible body to get out and cast a ballot.

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#### Yes, we loved Peres, but not enough. And so we lost

Netanyahu's camp used all the legitimate tricks in the book; they did their homework - and it

I CAN perhaps be excused for my lack of political acumen. It is hard to be as charitable with Peres's professional advisers.

Since 1960, when Kennedy ran the first "image" campaign, the world has learned what wins elections. Theodore White spelled it out decades ago in The Making of a President. Good ideas, good character, good intentions, good programs - these alone are not enough. For a quarter of a century we've heard Marshall McLuhan's truism that the medium is the message, so obvious by now it's trite.

But apparently in the paleolithic Israeli Labor Party they still imagine you can turn a dusty book with a gray cover into a bestseller overnight.

The debacle of the televised

debate exemplified this delusion; in retrospect, it gave a hint of what was to follow.

Peres wore make-up reminiscent of the victim of a small-town evangelical embalmer, whereas Bibi conveyed the vigor of Kevin Costner, Orson Welles, and Paul Newman all rolled into one. Even for a Peres supporter Bibi's onstage magnetism was hard to resist

Thousands in the Peres camp feel that they let their birthright slip through their fingers, like a defenseless goldfish into the razored teeth of the waiting bar-

In this annus horribilis we lost Rabin. We gaped at his murder, stunned, and felt guilty that we hadn't seen that character assassination can lead to physical annihilation. Last week we "lost" Peres, and again we didn't see it coming. Now we are in danger of losing the peace.

"Don't worry, it'll work out," is the refrain of every Israeli from the handyman all the way. up. At least when we hear it from a garage mechanic we raise an occasional eyebrow and take his assurances with a grain of salt.

"Check it anyhow," we dare to tell him, "just to make sure it WORKS."

But in this most crucial fulcrum we ourselves brushed away any small inner voice of misgiving that ventured to raise a doubt. Our own complaisance hurled us against the dead end of defeat

Yes, we loved Peres, but not enough. And so things didn't work out. And, fittingly, our character too has become our destiny.

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E all love our children but with the stress and hectic pace of life in the '90s, we may not always take the time to show it in the ways we want to, I polled an unrepresentative sample of today's parents to find out what their parents did that made them feel most loved. Here are their memories:

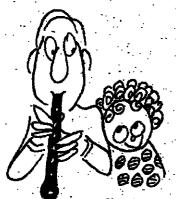
"My dad sitting me on his lap before bed and playing children's songs on the recorder. I'd turn the

pages and say, 'Play that one!' "
"My father used to take me to the park after dinner to play catch. It was just me and him, away from the house and the baby."

Whenever my father treated me with a lift to school, we'd park nearby, eat breakfast, talk, joke, and listen to music in the car before I had to leave."

"Going to see special movies with my mother, like Funny Girl when it first opened and you had to make reservations!"

"Whenever my mother took me



out of the bathtub, she would

wrap me up in a towel, dry me off, and hug me for a minute." "Taking long walks with my father, holding his hand, and talk-

**RUTH MASON** 

ing about important, grown-up "Getting to climb in between

had nightmares." My mother gently stroking my forehead whenever I felt bad or couldn't fall asleep at bedtime."

my parents in their bed when I



"Being carried up to bed by my father when I had fallen asleep in the car late at night after a long

"Going to my father's home-office at night before bed. He'd take out a box of special chocolates and put his arm around me while I chose one."

"Every time my mother baked bread, she would put aside a piece of dough, flatten it, cover it with rendered chicken fat and garlic, and fry it for me. It was my favorite food."

"The time my mother made pink cupcakes for everyone in my fifth-grade class on Valentine's

"Every Sunday, my father would take me to the coffee shop...



down the street, buy me a choco-late doughnut, and let me eat all of the white icing off his apple

"If I was sick, my mother would always give me a bell to ring. And she would come right away!"

"Whenever my father went away on a business trip, he would leave me a tape of himself reading my favorite bedtime stories and inging hillabies."

"One summer morning I got up at dawn with my dad to go fishing before breakfast - just the two of

"My mom would always cover me with a blanket when I fell asleep on the couch. I would awake for a moment, see that it was my mom, and fall back into a wonderful sleep." "Whenever I was feeling bad,

my mom would rock me in the rocking chair." Snuggling between my parents in bed on Sunday mornings and

having my mother read me-the funnies section of the paper." "Sometimes, when my mother was in a good mood before bed-

time, she would make up stories

## Clinton said falling short on African challenge

S a number of African countries descend into chaos, many analysts contend that President Clinton has not fulfilled his early promise to help African nations to fidentify and solve problems before they

up to his own challenge," says Chester Crocker, who spent eight years as the top Africa adviser to former president Ronald Reagan. Crocker, like other critics, believes the administration has erred too far on the side of caution in dealing with ethnic vio-lence in such places as Liberia,

Rwanda and Burundi. Crocker, citing the examples of Haiti and Bosnia, says, "You don't always pay a price for doing the right thing,"

Twice in recent weeks, the administration has flown Americans and other foreigners to safety from African countries in profound turmoil - first in Liberia and then in the Central African Republic.

While French troops are trying to restore order to the Central African Republic, a former French colony, the Clinton administration has shied away from a similar role in Liberia, despite the close historic US-Liberian ties.

Since early April, conditions in Liberia have become increasingly desperate, with the population terrorized by killers and looters. And the situation in Liberia

may seem tame compared with Burundi, where ethnic tensions that already have killed tens of thousands of people in recent years are believed to be escalat-

US involvement in Burundi has been limited largely to issuing appeals for power-sharing arrangements among rival ethnic

The administration also has

promised equipment - but no troops - if the UN decides to

Janet Fleischman, of Human monitors in the country.

Herman Cohen, the, State Department's top Africa official under former president George Bush, says the administration's willingness to intervene in Africa evaporated after 18 American soldiers were killed in a fire fight in Somalia in October

Cohen says the administration now sees every humanitarian. problem in Africa as a potential ouagmire.

Says Randall Robinson, who esponses an activist Africa policy as head of TransAfrica, a Washington-based group: "The Clinton administration has virtually abdicated its responsibilities." He said the government's policy toward the continent has oscillated from "ineffectual to

dieastrous." State spokesman Nicholas Burns said the US must choose with care where to intervene abroad. The situations in Bosnia and Haiti lent themselves more to US. intervention than the conflicts in

Africa, he said. Successive administrations have decided to stay out of Liberia, he said, partly because African troops are the designated

peacekeepers. Also, if there were a genuine democratic leader - and not four or five warlords" - the US

response might be more In the current situation, "maybe there isn't a lot that one can do," Burns said.

Electoral concerns also weigh

heavily on the administration. American casualties in an overseas mission could help Republicans in November.

Rights Watch/Africa, says that at .... There are other constraints as a minimum the administration well, sacuding the federal budshould pusse for an arms embant gett defidut a Congress with go for Burundi and a sizable strong: isolationist tendencies assistance, an overextended UN and the perplexing problem just how to deal with conflicts that occur within - rather than among

> Africa has seldom commanded priority attention from the US, and National Security Adviser Anthony Lake, shortly after Clinton took office, promised an end to past indifference. Some previous administrations, he said, "have taken years to figure out where Africa

is on the map." Since then, there have been a number of high-level visits by administration officials notable exception is Secretary of State Warren Christopher - but

no sustained commitment. When genocide erupted in Rwanda in 1994, leaving more than half a million dead, the administration waited more than three months before mounting a brief humanitarian airlift to assist refugees. The administration, said Crocker, "was looking at their stopwatches the whole

But for all the administration's perceived faults, TransAfrica's Robinson sees it as a vast improvement over Republican predecessors, which lavished money on "suitably anti-communist" regimes in such countries as Somalia, Sudan, Zaire and Liberia that are all racked by violence or poverty.

Millions were squandered on these dictators, and "we didn't care what they were doing to or for their people," he says.

# Things our parents did Peace building in the classroom;

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#### **Palestinians** have found a new urge to learn Hebrew, Judith Sudilovsky writes

sea of hands shoots up into the air the minute teacher Raya Abassi asks for a volunteer to read the numbers on the blackboard in Hebrew.

"Oh, oh, please darling. Me. Me," one girl in the seventh-grade class pleads with Abassi, stretching her arm as high as it will go, waving her hand wildly and practically jumping off her bench.

Abassi smiles amusedly, but calls on another student in the back of the room. The boy stands up and slowly but surely recites the numbers in Hebrew.

This is the first year that Hebrew is being taught in a primary or secondary school in the West Bank, and the response has been surprisingly positive, she said.

The feedback has been wonderful. I was so surprised by their enthusiasm," said Abassi, 26, an Israeli Arab from Haifa who was hired to teach Hebrew at the Latin Patriarchate schools in the West Bank towns of Taiba and Bir Zeit.

They always want to learn more. They see Jews as their enemy, and they know if they know the language of the enemy it helps them defend themselves better verbally."

There is also a great deal of interest in learning Hebrew in Jordan, she added. Abassi teaches Hebrew to fifth through ninth graders in Bir Zeit and to fifth through 11th graders in Taiba. The 11th-grade students have already asked to continue the Hebrew classes next year as well.

In addition, an Israeli Arab nun from Nazareth began teaching Hebrew in the Latin Patriarchate School in Ramallah during the second semester of the school year. "Israel is next to us and we have to live with them," said 13year-old student Laith Kaile. "We will have to speak with the Israelis when there is a problem. We will have to understand each other."

Five years ago, said Laith, even as a little boy, he saw the Israelis as the enemy and would not have felt the same way about learning Hebrew. Fourteen-year-old Ramse Nasser said learning Hebrew would help him get work in Israel in the future.

parish priest Father Emil Salayta, who sees it as peace building through education and hopes to have it implemented in all the Latin Patriarchate schools. The main reason for starting

this program is peace building," he said. "Learning the other side's language is a way to make yourself understood by the other side and to understand the other side. People-to-people contact is important. This is vital for peace building. Peace is not signing a piece of paper in Washington DC, it is doing things here in the field."



which is being offered for the first time in a primary or secondary school in the territories. (Brian Hendler)

ings with Israeli students during the second school semester but has been unable to because of the closure. Parents were opposed to teaching Hebrew when he first brought up the idea, he said, Last year he started speaking with them and convincing them that learning Hebrew was not such a bad thing.

Now, he said, many of the parents are looking over their chilhomework so they can learn too, and the Bir Zeit school opened two adult education courses in Hebrew - one as part of their executive secretary course and another one, which opened May 13, was started simply because there was a demand for it.

"I have been back here for two years, and when I went to get my driver's license and other documents I had to be in contact with Israelis and I didn't understand a word," said Samar Ayed, 30, a general science teacher at the Latin Patriarchate School in Bir Jordan and Saudi Arabia. She is among the 20 adults who started learning Hebrew in the newly opened class. 'My children would ask me

about words in Hebrew they heard

on television, and I didn't know what they meant, I felt bad. Now with the peace, it is important to open up. Some day we will all have to talk to one another.' would have been better if they had

understood Hebrew when they had to deal with the Israeli soldiers, she added. The Palestinians are also eager to learn Hebrew so they can understand the Hebrew television

news programs, added Arabic teacher Abdullah Abu Rahmeh. who also began studying Hebrew in the new class. He said he studied some rudimentary Hebrew when he was a student at Bir Zeit University, but

it wasn't enough. It is important

for them to understand what the

Israeli politicians are saying to their people, he said.

Salayta would like the Hebrew program to continue next year, but t all depends on funding. The charity organization Caritas International promised him

\$7,000 to pay for expenses this year, but he hasn't received the funds yet, he said. A representative of Caritas said they are interested in supporting the program secure the funds. However, the person responsible for this was out of the country so could not comment directly.

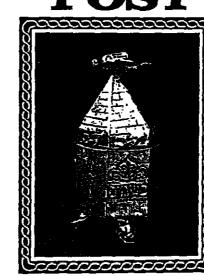
Abassi said she has tried to give the students a strong base in the language so that even if the program can't be continued, they will at least have a basic knowledge in terms of words and concepts they would use in day-to-day conversation.

They work hard to learn the language, because they feel weak without it," she said. "I think this is the main place where we are giving the peace process a push."

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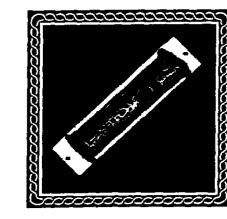
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## Petition filed against Mifal Hapayis appointment

SIX local authority heads peti-tioned the High Court of Justice yesterday against Prime Minister Shimon Peres's lastminute appointment of MK Avraham Katz-Oz (Labor) as

chairman of Mifal Hapayis. Current chairman Gidon Gadot finishes his tenure on June 7. On May 28 - some 15 hours before the start of the voting on election day - Mifal Hapayis received a letter from Peres saying that Katz-Oz had been appointed as the new chairman, for an indefinite length of time.

The letter of appointment was dated May 2. Four days later - a day after the election results were published - Katz-Oz told Mifal Hapayis he had another letter of appointment, dated May 12, which appointed him for a five-year term, the petition

This is significant because an appointment which was not for a specified length of time could have been revoked by the new prime minister. However, an appointment for a specific period of time cannot be ended prematurely.

The petition noted that Peres and Katz-Oz have long had a close personal and political

In addition to being a Labor MK in the last Knesset, Katz-Oz served as a minister during a former Peres government and supported him in his race against former prime minister Yıtzhak Rabin.

The petition charged that Peres's motive in appointing Katz-Oz was strictly political,

and therefore inappropriate.
Furthermore, the petition noted, in a legal opinion circulated to the cabinet on May 9. Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair called on all ministers to refrain from last-minute appointments.

According to previous High Court rulings, a legal opinion by the attorney general is binding on the government.

The petition therefore demanded that the court invalidate both letters of appoint-

Alternatively, it asked the court to at least invalidate the second letter, which would leave prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu the option of canceling the appointment

The six petitioners were Motti Kirmeir, head of the Binyamina local council; Ya'acov Edri, head of the Or Akiva local council; Eli Azoulai, head of the Alona regional council; Ami Argov, head of the Givat Ada local council; Dimona Mayor Gabi Laloush; and Eliezer Bienenfeld, head of the Hevel Yavneh regional council.

# Wertheimer, Jordan to build industrial park

Industrialist won't comment on IDB purchases GALIT LIPKIS BECK

INDUSTRIALIST and entrepre-neur Stef Wertheimer yesterday announced plans to establish a joint Israeli-Jordanian industrial park on both sides of the Jordan River.

Speaking at Tel Aviv University's Management Faculty, where he won the Outstanding Entrepreneur Award for 1996, Wertheimer said he intends to execute his plans to establish industrial parks jointly

with neighboring countries.

Wertheimer said he is conducting negotiations to establish an industrial park on the Jordanian bank of the river's northern part, modeled on the one he built in Tefen, as well as a similar park on the Israeli side. A coffee shop would be operated

iointly in between the two parks, on the river itself. Plans to establish a joint Israeli-Turkish industrial park in Izmir are

already underway, said Wertheimer, and work is expected to start there "in the very near future." Wertheimer refused to comment on his recent purchase of shares in

IDB Holdings, which is controlled by the Recanati family. Earlier this week, Wertheimer purchased a new batch of IDB Holdings' shares. Stock market analysts believe Wertheimer bought an

additional six percent of IDB shares

for about NIS 175 million, increas-

ing his shares in the holding compa-

Wertheimer: Plans to establish Israeli-Turkish industrial park in Izmir already under-(Debbie Taylor-Zimelman)

ny to about 17%. It is reported that the acquisitions are in the framework of Wertheimer's plans to eventually increase his control of IDB to 25%. This reportedly is part of his aim to force Discount Investments - a subsidiary of IDB Holdings, which has a 25% stake in Iscar - to sell its

shares in the company.
In recent weeks, Wertheimer, through Iscar, has invested about NIS 400m. in the purchase of IDB shares. Analysts said his purchase may be connected with the IDB announcement to hold a general shareholders meeting in three weeks, which is intended to increase IDB's registered share cap-

IDB Holding acting chairman Leon Recanati and general manager Eli Cohen were not available for comment.

Despite the ceremonial setting, Werthermer chose to attack several pillars of the economic establishment, most notably Israel Lands Authority director general Uzi Wechsler. Wertheimer blamed him for the real estate market's shortage of land and charged that outgoing Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer has harmed the develop-

ment of industry and export. Wertheimer, who reiterated his support for a capital-gains tax, also criticized the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, which he called a casino. According to Wertheimer, who called on the government to

appoint a minister for exports, the Manufactures Association does not fulfill its purpose of adequately representing industrialists.

#### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

Bezeq sets up telecom advisers club: A telecommunications advisers club has been set up at Bezeq's initiative, bringing together experts in the private and public sector. Bezeq said telecommunications advisers have an important impact on their clients' decisions, especially the way suitable equipment is chosen. clients decisions, especially the way saliable equipment is chosen. A club will help the company promote sales, Bezeq said. Members will receive updated information on Bezeq services and equipment, have access to computerized data bases, take part in professional tours of company facilities and participate in

'May's CPI will rise 1.1%': Bank Happalim predicted the Consumer Price Index in May will rise 1.1 percent, lower than the 1.7% index in April but still higher than forecasts at the beginning of the year. The bank's economists said April's high inflation rates takes into account first expectable and clothing prices which increased at a higher than average rate because of seasonal factors.

The shekel continued to devaluate in May, down 3.4% against the dollar and 3.2% against the basket of currencies. The economists emphasized that the last time the shekel suffered such a high devaluation in one month against the dollar was in the

Mail Boxes ready to open TA office: Mail Boxes (MBE), one of the largest retail distribution systems chains in the business services sector, is in the process of opening a representation office in Tel Aviv. MBE Israel, which is owned by the Elhadeffe family and Bareket family, received the franchise several days ago. The developers plan to open 70 branches over the next few years.

The San Diego based chain provides business and communications services to consumers and business of all sizes, including mail boxes, fax numbers, and e mail addresses. The chain, which operates about 3,500 branches in 52 countries worldwide. The chain's annual sales turnover reaches about \$1.4 billion. Galit Lipkis Beck

Tehrad, a company engaged in telecommunications, will market the US-based Micom company here following Northern Telecom's purchase of the company for \$150m. Micom is engaged in data communications. At the start of 1995, Northern Telecom and Telrad signed a cooperation agreement to develop and produce communication systems.

## Study: Subsidies don't aid home purchasers

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

IMMIGRANTS and young couples would be better off if all housing subsidy programs were canceled immediately, according to a study released yesterday.

According to Dr. Jonathan

Lipow, a policy analyst at the Institute of Advanced Strategic and Political Studies who conducted the study, immigrants and young couples derive no benefits from housing subsidy programs since almost all consumers of housing services are in some way subsidized, either directly or indi-

here are the result of supply constraints, and the shortage can only. be alleviated by "supply side" measures like expansion of the quantity of marketable real estate, as well as improvements in transportation infrastructure.

"New immigrants and young couples will be expected to pay their share of the taxes required to finance these subsidies," said

Housing subsidy programs, originally intended to aid new immigrants and young couples who served in the IDF, are actually a burden which makes life more difficult for members of these groups," he said.

In 1996, total expenditures on housing-subsidy programs are projected to total \$2.8 billion including mortgage grants, mortand fees paid to mortgage banks for administrating these programs.

Lipow said nearly four percent of the country's GDP is devoted to housing subsidies, an exceptionally high proportion considering the country's limited resources.

## Tourism depends on security, not peace treaties'

HAIM SHAPIRO

TOURISM to Israel depends on personal security and not on peace treaties, according to Africa-Israel Tourism managing director David Fattal. Africa-Israel holds the local franchise for Holiday Inn, the international chain with the largest number of hotels here.

Fattal, who was speaking at a ceremony at which Holiday Inn signed an agreement with El Al by which the airline's passengers will receive frequent flyer credit for staying at the chain's hotels, was answering questions regarding tourism following the election of Binyamin Netanyahu as prime minister.

If security improves or if the current situation of quiet continues, then tourism will flourish, Fattal said.

It was not important what party ruled or how they acted in the Knesset, he said. However, he added that it was important there remain a separate ministry devoted to tourism, since it was the country's leading economic branch.

El Al marketing director Dov Koniak, who also spoke, noted that there has been a drastic drop in the number of Israelis going to Turkey.



in Mexcio City earlier this week as teachers besieged the offices in their campaign to raise salaries (Restar)

#### **Head of CPAs: Privatization** requires special authority **GALIT LIPKIS BECK**

privatization requires the establishment of a special authority staffed with lawyers, accountants and economists whose sole task would be to rapidly sell state assets. Institute of Certified Public Accountants president Daniel

Doron said yesterday. Doron's proposal is reminiscent of Prime Minister-elect Binyamin lish an authority to privatize 50 companies within four years.

Speaking at the CPA's annual conference, Doron said the association must include professionals who would receive a commission for each company sold instead of professional fees on a monthly basis. He said the authority must be headed by someone who wants to complete his job as soon as possible."

Commenting on the same issue, former Government Companies Authority director general Yossi Nitzani said the completion of the privatization process will depend mainly on the Treasury and the

Prof. Colin Mayer, from Oxford University's School Management, said privatization involves much more than the transfer of ownership of formerly publicsector enterprises.

Where there are natural monopolies, he said, it is necessary to define contracts between customer and the in place to allow contracts to be credibly sustained.

Mayer participated in the "Competition, Concentration and Stability: Alternative Market Structures for Israel" conference organized by the Pinhas Sapir Center for Development and the Levinson Foundation.

He said privatization is a package of ownership and contractual relationships which create a need for new institutional arrangements. whereby public-sector control is replaced by regulatory control. which requires the establishment of new quasi-public institutions.

A teacher gestures defiantly at riot police protecting Mexico's pro-government television headquarters

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## 'OPEC needs to restore Iraqi quota

tial return to the oil market is a warning to its fellow OPEC members that the days of pilfering Baghdad's huge quota may soon be at an end, diplomats here said

BAGHDAD (Reuter) Iraq's par-



OPEC's 100th ministerial conference opens in Vienna today with the specter of Iraqi oil loom-

ing over the talks. It would be a blunder if OPEC thinks it can accommodate Iraq's limited sales without some adjustments in production," said a Baghdad diplomat who closely follows developments in Iraq's oil

Iraq has the world's second largest oil reserves after Saudi Arabia. Despite UN sanctions and extensive damage by allied bomb-. ing during the 1991 Gulf War, Iraq confidently speaks of a production capacity of 2.5 million barrels per day (bpd) and an export potential of at least two

Iraq's oil-for-food pact with the UN allows exports worth \$2 billion over six months. Iraqi oil officials say the deal, at current prices, provides for exports of about 800,000 bpd.

Iraq currently produces around

700,000 bpd for local use and for the exports to Jordan permitted under special clearance from the UN's sanctions committee.

The oil-for-food scheme puts a ceiling on the amount of money, not on the number of barrels. "If the price goes down we will have to pump more barrels," said Abdulillah Tikriti, director-general at Iraq's Oil Ministry.

"With the limited sales Iraq's production could reach up to 1.5 million (bpd)," said another diplo-

"OPEC should take action on quotas and [the] ceiling; otherwise a price crash bringing more Iraqi oil to market may be the likely outcome."

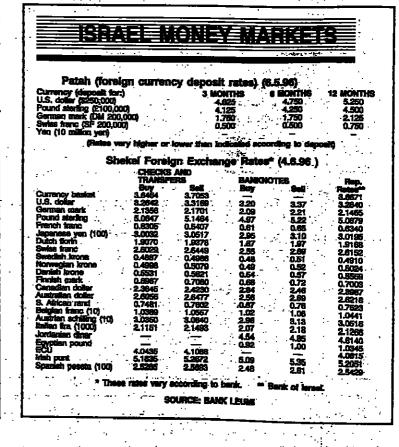
Iraq has sent its Oil Minister Amir Mohammed Rasheed to the OPEC meeting. Rasheed said last week Iraq would insist on its pre-Gulf War quota of 3.14 million bpd. "It is not permissible that other countries compensate for

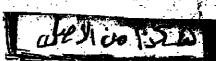
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## CompuServe, Microsoft in alliance

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Compu Serve Inc., the No. 2 online will be the first to use Microsoft Corp.'s new "Normandy" Internet and online software technology under an alliance announced

As part of the agreement, Microsoft will also make access to the CompuServe Information Service easily available to users of its Windows 95 software on the opening screen of Windows 95.

In addition, CompuServe's new family-oriented Wow! service will be available through another icon on Windows 95.

CompuServe Chief Executive Bob Massey said that by bundling the software used to access CompuServe and Wow! with Windows 95, the Columbus, Ohiobased company has a major new distribution channel for its

"We are delivering our caline service to a huge potential number of users," Massey said in a conference call, referring to the tens of millions of users of Windows 95 software who will soon have easy access to CompuServe. Microsoft made a similar deal

in March with the biggest online service provider, America Online. America Online has 6 million members, and CompuServe has 5 million.

Windows 95's opening screen contains an icon linking users to Microsoft's Microsoft Network, which prompted complaints last ear of unfair competition from CompuServe and AOL

CompuServe also said it still plans to offer Microsoft's Internet Explorer Web browser through its Internet access in the next version of its software, CompuServe Information Manager version 3.0, which will be out this summer. Internet Explorer is already part of the Wown service.
Microsoft is challenging the nications Corp.'s Netscape Navigalor drowser. Browsers enable computer users to look at the Internet's popular multimedia

CompuServe said it will be the first online service to use Microsoft's new software technology, code-named "Normandy," which supports Internet e-mail and retrieval of data from the Web and allows access to Internet discussion groups, called newsgroups.

In a conference call. Microsoft. Chairman Bill Gates said "Normandy" would be available in September. The product will be broadly available to Internet service providers by the end of the.

#### Packard Bell, NEC to merge PC operations

SACRAMENTO, (Reuter) -Packard Bell Electronics Inc. and NEC of Japan said yesterday they were merging their personal computer operations into a new company with anticipated annual revennes of \$8 billion.

The companies said they had concluded a memorandum of anderstanding in which NEC's personal computer operations outside of Japan will merge into privately held Packard Bell in a deal valued at \$300 million.

The new company, to be called Packard Bell NEC, will be one of the world's strongest personal computer companies, with a major presence in all areas of the global PC market, the companies

Industry analysts said they doubted the merger posed any immediate threat to top US personal computer makers and that it was more geared to bolstering Packard Bell's finances.

Beny Alagem, founder of Packard Bell, will serve as chairman, chief executive and president of the new company, which will be based in Sacramento,

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## Election keeps Russian stocks volatile

MOSCOW (Reuter) - Russian share prices face further sharp swings in the next few weeks whatever the results of the presidential election, dealers said

The first round of the election is on June 16.

Heavy price falls can be expected on a victory by communist candidate Gennady Zyuganov, whose election program promises state control of major industrial sectors, price controls and a re-

vival of output, dealers said. Victory for incumbent Boris Yeltsin could see some share. prices double again on top of their recent explosive rally, but even if Yehsin wins, the market will be watching what he does once the initial euphoria dissipates, they said.

As Yeltsin has moved ahead in Russia's notoriously fickle opinion polls, share prices have started to rally, boosted by speculative Western buying.

Western investors see a Yeltsin victory as guaranteeing political stability, the precondition for investment in Russia.

The RTS index of 21 shares, which hit an all-time low of 66.69 on March 18, recovered to over 100 by the end of April, and surged to a record high 164.49 on

Profit-taking has since taken it back to 149.15. Utility Mosenergo traded at 82

U.S. cents on May 28, double the 41 it traded at at the end of April. "I have not changed my position that if the communists come to power it will not be possible to speak of a capital market at all," said Dmirry Vasilyev, executive director of the Federal Securities Commission, one of the market's

main regulators. "Of course, if Yeltsin is reelected, which I am sure of, the market will fluctuate but on the whole it will continue to develop and share prices will rise."

A Yeltsin victory in itself would not be enough to sustain a strong advance in share prices, although a short-term speculative boom seems inevitable, dealers

"A Yeltsin victory will sharply inflate share prices by 100 percent, and maybe another 100 percent. That's completely possible with some shares," said United City Bank trader Samit

Yakovlev. "But after that everything will depend on the reaction of investors to the further steps taken by the president, for instance setting up a global depositary," he said. Victory for Zyuganov would

have an instant but opposite "Prices will fall at least 70 percent and afterwards will tend towards zero. I cannot see people who will make bids if Zyuganov

wins." said Yakovlev. But some participants see Zyuganov-inspired losses as offering the chance to buy cheap.

"There will be one or two days of panic which will be used by people who think that other people's problems are our opportuni-ties," said Alexander Babayan, managing director of CentreInvest Securities.

"If you evaluate Zynganov's economic program, it becomes clear that he can't do even half of what's promised there. And so he'll be forced to compromise,' said Babayan.

In any case, banking activity could be stimulated by a bigger state share in the economy, he

Other bankers think the market will survive whoever is in

"Taking a long-term view, I think the capital market will develop normally. Whatever the outcome, the development will be either good or better," said Mikhail Alekseyev, deputy chief executive of Uneximbank.

# Indexes fall as shares sold in **IDB Holding**

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STOCK indexes fell yesterday as investors sold shares in IDB Holding Corp., one of the country's largest investment companies, amid concern that off-exchange purchases in the share

IDB Holding, the most active share on the exchange, fell 3.25 percent and subsidiary IDB De-

velopment Corp. dropped 2%. The Maof Index fell 0.52% to 217.40, and the Two-Sided Index decreased 0.28% to 205.53. Some NIS 76 million worth of

shares traded, NIS 72.1m. below Monday's level and about even with last month's average trading IDB Holding soared 10% on

Monday amid speculation that investor Stef Wertheimer was lifting his stake in the company.

In late May, Wertheimer, acting through his company Iscar Ltd., bought a 13% stake in IDB for between NIS 176.4m. and

NIS 164.88m. Declining Maof Index-listed shares included Teva Pharmaceu-

ticals Ltd., which fell 0.25%. Other declining index-listed shares included Koor Industries Ltd., which produces about 7% of the nation's total industrial output. Koor's shares in Tel Aviv fell 0.5%.

Declining issues on the index also included Bank Hapoalim, Israel's largest bank in terms of

assets, which fell 0.75%. Chemical shares were mixed. with Israel Chemicals Ltd. gaining 1%, Makhteshim Chemical Works ltd. falling 0.25% and

Dead Sea Works declining 2%. Gaining shares included Super-Sol Ltd., which rose 0.5%; Bezeq, which gained 0.5%; First International Bank, which went up 1.25%; and Elite Industries, which rose 2.75%. (Bloomberg)

## Eurobourses end mixed as dollar reaches 2-year high against yen

#### **WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP**

LONDON (Reuter) - The dollar leapt over 109 yen for the first time in more than two years yesterday, climbing on worries about the frailty of the Japanese banking system and firmer US bonds.

The dollar hit a 28-month high of 109.23 yen in the European afternoon, helped by the US Treasury regaining some of their recent losses ahead of Friday's important US employment report for May.

European stock markets closed mixed, with London and Frankrt showing gains, but Paris givg away all the gains it made on

onday. Wall Street rebounded, too, after two days of falls and was up

about 35 points as European markets closed.

Traders said US stocks benefited from the rise of the US long bond, which rose 10/32 to bring the yield back below 7.0 percent to 6.98.

Investor focus was fixed on US unemployment data for May that is due on Friday and should provide a strong signal whether the US Federal Reserve is likely to raise rates when it meets in the first week of July.

Spain and Sweden both shaved their money market rates yesterday and British Chancellor of the

Exchequer Kenneth Clarke meets Bank of England Governor Eddie George yesterday to debate monetary policy. The prospect of Britain also

cutting rates were seen growing slightly due to the strength of sterling. London stocks began to rise

from the doldrums before Wail Street opened and the blue chip FTSE Index closed at its best levels of the day, up 16 points at 3,755.2

Yet market watchers said it could take a major new takeover bid or a clear signal of the trend in interest rates to move the FTSE out of the 3,790 to 3,700 range, where it's been mired since early May.

French stocks closed 10 points weaker, ignoring Wall Street and marginally firmer French bond

Traders said disappointment that the June futures tried but failed to break resistance around 2,102 helped to depress the

German stocks ended floor trade half a percentage point higher, boosted by the strengthening dollar and firmer German debt. In later computerized trade, the IBIS DAX held gains at 2,550.42.

## Dow up as rates ease

WALL STREET REPORT NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks

were mostly higher yesterday as interest rates eased in the bond market, but trading remained quiet in advance of Friday's key report on employment.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 41.00 points to close at 5,665.71. Over the past six sessions, the barometer of 30 big US companies had lost nearly 140 points as investors questioned the stamina of the larest rally.

Broad-market indexes were mostly positive, but retreated from their highs for the session as bonds gave up some of their early

Without any market-moving news or economic surprises, the

direction of stocks remained hinged to interest rates in the bond market.

The yield on the 30-year Treasury bond - a benchmark used to set the interest charged on many types of loans - closed a hair below 7 percent today, down from Monday's close at 7.01%, but up from 6.97% earlier

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a margin of 8to-5 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,456 up, 903 down and 785 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 384.46 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 314.96 million in the previous

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## Czechs learn to live with political instability nomic reforms because of fre-

PRAGUE (Renter) - Czechs, who woke up this week in a con-stitutional limbo, have a skill to learn which their post-communist neighbours in Poland and Hungary have already mastered - living with political instability.

After several years of rocksteady government, the right-wing coalition of Prime Minister Vaclay Klaus unexpectedly lost its majority in parliamentary elections. Parties remained deadlocked yesterday on how to form

a new administration. The resulting mess may take weeks or months to sort out.

Even Klans, who insists that economic reform will continue despite the political deadlock, admitted that life will change. "I still hope we will be able to muddle through," he told CNN.

Czechs have suffered some jolts since their "Velvet Revolution" overthrew communism in 1989, most notably when Czechoslovakia split in two at the start of

But even this split was negotiated peacefully in contrast to the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia. The Czech Republic is proba-

bly not facing a constitutional crisis. Most pundits believe that Czech pragmatism will deliver some kind of working government in due course.

But the days ahead will challenge the Czechs' young democracy, as President Vaclav Havel pointed out on Monday. While Czechs learn to navigate

choppy waters, the Poles have al-

ready sailed through many a storm and kept afloat. Polend had as much turbulence under right-wing governments linked to the Solidarity trade union as under the coalition of ex-communists and socialists

"Before 1993 we had problems

with swift implementation of eco-

which took power in 1993.

quent changes of cabinets and numerous rifts within the Solidarityrooted parties," said Japusz Lewandowski, a pre-1993 privatization minister. "After the coalition took over we have seen less zeal in reform-

ing the economy but thank God macroeconomic discipline is being maintained," he told Reuters. Leftist rule has not meant an end to instability. Prime minister

Jozef Oleksy was forced to resign early this year after accusations that he had been a Soviet agent. But still the Polish economy is growing at seven percent, faster than the Czech economy much loved of the West, and a booming

cent of GDP. "The Polish economy has learned how to put up with changing governments and changing line-ups of governments," said Lewandowski, a

private sector produces 60 per-

leader of the opposition Union-Czechs, banned from even

small-scale private business under communism, have more to learn about doing business. Widely-praised Czech mass

privatization often sold off only minority stakes in large comapnies, making them liable to state intervention either directly or through state-controlled banks. "They have many big firms which are dependent to a larger

decisions," said Josef Poeschl of the Vienna Institute for Comparative Economic Studies. But Poeschl was confident that Czech pragamatism would see the country though its current

degree (than in Poland) on state

"Despite those political difficulties, I think it's possible to keep economic policy in some

Seles, Courier bow out of Open

PARIS (Reuter) - Monica Seles and Pete Sampras, the two Americans topping the world ten-

nis rankings, had contrasting for-

tunes on an emotional day at the

Seles, women's joint world No.

I with Steffi Graf, lost her first

match at Roland Garros in seven

years, bowing out in the quarter-

finals to 10th seed Jana Novotna

7-6, 6-3. It was the Yugoslav-born

player's worst-ever result in Paris.

the semifinals for the first time in

the one grand slam tournament he

has never won, beating compatriot Jim Courier in a tense match 4-

The intense battle, which lasted

three hours and 31 minutes, was

the third five-setter Sampras had

played since the start of the tour-

Sampras as he was leaving the

court before bursting into tears as

he was asked about his coach Tim

Gullikson, who died recently of

"In the fifth set, my mind was

kind of a blank. I was very tired,"

added the American, who did not

even try to return Courier's serves

in the end to concentrate on his

The Wimbledon champion suf-

fered from cramp at the end of the

fifth set and limped behind the

baseline as Courier, winner here

in 1991 and 1992, tried to hammer

him out of the tournament by

Sampras could not have had a

worse start. He conceded the first

set in a tie-break, which he lost 7-

4, and dropped his serve early in

the second it was not until the

third set that the match really

"I decided I would make life

difficult for Jim. I was a little bit

too anxious at first but he let me

back into the match. My serve helped too," said Sampras, who

meets Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the

The Russian, seeded sixth, qual-

ified for his second French Open

semifinal in a row at the expense

of Dutchman Richard Krajicek, a

Kafelnikov, who had not

dropped a set in the earlier rounds,

was far too fast and clever from

the baseline for serve-and-volley

specialist Krajicek in a 6-3, 6-4,

Seles's return to Paris for the

**SPORTS BRIEFS** 

Cleveland teammates Albeit Belle and Julian Tavarez, and Milwaukee's Mike Matheny each got five game suspensions from

the American League for their parts in a bench-cleaning brawl on Friday night, it was announced yesterday.

The players' union appealed all three penalties, meaning the suspensions can't start until after a hearing.

and gifts, including expensive jewelry, from agents while playing

for the University of Massachusetts, It was reported yesterday.

NCAA rules and could result in penalties against Massachusetts, which reached the Final Four this season for the first time.

Accepting such inducements from prospective agents is against

mby, the national player of the year, accepted money

Playoffs – at a glance

Belle. Tavarez susperided for brawl

Camby accepted perks from agents

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OLE! - Spain's Aranxta Sanchez-Vicario throws up a triumphant fist after defeating Karina Habsudova of Slovakia yesterday.

first time since she was stabbed by a Steffi Graf fan in Hamburg in 1993, was also emotional. But it did not last the distance.

Her defeat by Novotna was only the second of her career at Roland Garros. The other was in 1989 when she was beaten by Graf in the semifinals of her first French Open.

Seles said she would now try to forget Paris and concentrate on next month's Wimbledon, the only grand slam tournament she

Seles bravely saved three set

points in the first set tie-break before losing it 9-7. Novotna, a for the sixth consecutive time. semifinalist here in 1990, took a

that advantage until the end. But Novotna is often jittery when it comes to finishing off an opponent and this was once again the case on yesterday as Seles had three break points when the Czech was serving for the match.

3-0 lead in the second set and held

But Novoma recovered to win in one hour and 28 minutes. Novotna now meets Spain's Aranxta Sanchez Vicario, who

struggled to make the semifinals

The 24-year-old Catalan, winner here in 1989 and 1994, had to fight for the three hours of another nervous contest to dismiss unseeded Slovak Karina Habsudova 6-2, 6-7, 10-8.

The German top seed had a much easier quarter-final yesterday, crushing fifth seed Iva Majoli of Croatia 6-3, 6-1. In the semifinal, she will meet Spain's Conchita Martinez, who beat American Lindsay Davenport 6-1, 6-3.

## Platt: England's morale boosted by last week's events

MARLOW (Reuter) Morale and unity in the England camp ahead of Euro 96 have been boosted by the fall-out from the players' behavior on last month's tour of China and Hong Kong, captain David Platt said yes-

Manager Terry Venables said on Monday the team had accepted collective responsibility for the damage to two television sets and a table on the Cathay Pacific flight home from the tour. He said unspecified fines would be imposed on all the players. Platt and Venables both said the events of the last week had brought

the squad together.

"I don't think there was any easy way out but we believe that (collective responsibility) was the right way out for the squad," Platt said. "This shows that we are together and that's the important thing for the next 30 days. "It's made them more determined," said Venables at the team's train-

ing ground west of London yesterday. England opens the European championship with a match at Wembley

against Switzerland on Saturday. "Nothing less than winning the tournament would be acceptable," Platt said.

Striker Les Ferdinand and defender Tony Adams sat out yesterday's training session but both insisted they were merely resting as a precantion. Ferdinand has had a groin strain and Adams a calf prob-

## Palmer powers Rangers past Brewers

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Dean Palmer's 437-foot homer helped power Bobby Witt's first victory in five starts Monday night leading Texas to a 9-6 victory.

Rangers All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez left the game in the first inning after getting hit on his right wrist by a wild pitch and was replaced by Dave Valle. Xrays were negative and he's listed

dayto-day.
Witt (5-4) gave up two earned runs and five hits with four walks and seven strikeouts in six innings for his first win since April 8 against Toronto.

The Brewers rallied for four runs in the ninth against Texas' bullpen before Mike Henneman finally closed it out for his 16th

Twins 9, Angels 3
Chuck Knoblanch continued his torrid hitting with three bits and three RBIs and Roberto Kelly added two key doubles for host Minnesota. Knoblauch, batting .514 in his last

10 games, drove in two runs in the Twins' three-run second inning and another in a four-ran eighth as the Twins won their third straight and their fifth in the last six games. Kelly had a two-out double and

scored the tiebreaking run in the seventh, and his double in the eighth drove in the final two runs. Mike Trombley (1-0), recalled from Triple-A on Sunday, pitched two-plus innings in relief of starter Rich Robertson, allowing three hits.

Angels pitcher Chuck Finley (7-3) had his worst outing since the opener,

giving up seven runs and 12 hits. Athletics 2, Royals 1 John Wasdin and three relievers combined on a seven-hitter and host Oakland snapped a three-game losing

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Wesdin (2-0), making his fourth career start, allowed one run and five hits in 6'/3 innings. He walked Jose Offerman twice, the only walks he has given up in games he has started.
Jim Corsi relieved Wasdin with two

men on in the seventh and Mike Mohler came in with runners on first and second and none out in the ninth to halt Royals' rallies.

Despite losing, Kevin Appier (4-6) lowered his ERA to 3.23, fourth best in the American League, by allowing two runs on six hits while throwing his first complete game since last Sept. 15. He struck out nine, bringing his season total to 84 – second in the

NATIONAL LEAGUE Braves 5, Mets 4 John Smoltz didn't win for the first time in nearly two months, but his Atlanta teammates kept him from get-

ting the loss at home. Smoltz's 11-game winning streak was in jeopardy when he left the game after the saxth inning trailing 4-1. But the Braves scored three runs in the seventh them agent it in the significant seventh, then won it in the eighth on Ryan Klesko's two-out, run-scoring

triple.
The Braves have won 21 of their last 26 games.

Brad Clontz (3-2) earned the win, and Mark Wohlers pitched the ninth

ann Mark Womens passage for his 10th save. Bob MacDonald (0-2) lost in relicf. Giants 6, Reds 3 Matt Williams ended visiting San Francisco's home-run drought with a two-run homer and added a two-run

The Giants scored three runs in the first inning, highlighted by Williams' 13th homer, and Williams added a two-run double in the minth off Jeff Brantley. Williams' homer ended a streak of eight homerless games by

William VanLandingham (4-7) allowed just six hits and two unearned runs over 61/3 innings for his second consecutive win. Rod Beck pitched

The Reds have lost 13 of 17 to fall 10 games under .500 (20-30) for the

MONDAY'S AL RESULTS: Minnesota 9, California 3 Texas 9, Milwankee 6 Oakland 2, Kansas City 1 MONDAY'S NL RESULTS: Pittsburgh 7, Colorado 2 Atlanta 5, New York 4

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Dave Burba (0-7) remained winless in 12 starts and plagued by rain. His last three starts have been delayed by

showers.

Pirates 7, Rockies 2

Matt Ruchel patched seven solid manags to get his first majorleague win as host Pinsburgh ruined starter.

Bill Swift's first appearance of the In only his third start, Ruebei (1-0) allowed two runs and five hits. He

struck out four and allowed one single strack our rour and anowed one single over his last five innings,

Jeff King's two-run homer in the fifth inning off reliever Mike Farmer (0-1) broke a 2-2 tie. Carlos Garcia, who had three hits Sunday, went 4 for-5 to set his career high for hits in a game for the Pirates.

Cubs 4. Phillies 3

Cubs 4, Phillies 3 -Jose Hernandez, a defensive replacement in the seventh inning, led off the bottom of the ninth with his first homer of the season lifting

Chicago to a home win. Hernandez lined a 2-2 pitch from Ken Ryan (2-2) over the ivy in left center, giving the Cubs a victory in their final at-bat for the 10th time this

Bob Patterson (2-2), who worked 11/3 innings of scoreless relief, got the

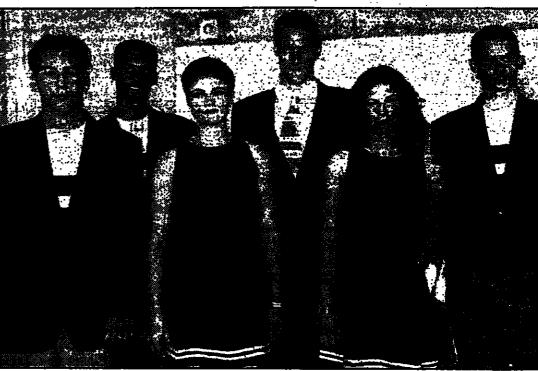
victory. Chicago starter Steve Trachsel hit his first major league homer - his first

hit of the season in 19 atbats - to give the Cubs a 3-1 lead in the fifth. But in the seventh he surrendered a pair of homers to Mike Benjamin, his second, and Ricky Otero, his first in

the majors. Cardinals 3, Padres 0 Rookie Alan Benes atoned for his worst outing of the season by pitching a six-hitter for his first shutout and

visiting St. Louis won its fifth Benes (5-3) had lasted only two

innings in a 10-4 loss here on May 5, allowing eight runs and six hits with



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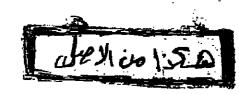
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HELEN KAYE

AT Henry Crown Symphony Hall, the three inspired lunatics of the Reduced Stakespeare Company from the US make a return visit with their The Bible: The Complete Word of God (Abridged), tonight at 9. Prepare to laugh.

Slovenia stayed out of the recent Bosnian slaughter, but that doesn't mean there's no spillover. The young dancers of Becontanc come to grips with violence and strive for love in Every Word a Gold Coin's Worth at Gerard Behar tonight and tomorrow at 9.

#### BOOKS

HELEN KAYE

HEBREW Book Week starts today in 13 cities and 40 other localities. The event devoted to Hebrew literature lasts through June 12.

#### **CLASSICAL MUSIC**

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

RUTH Wieder-Magen and Victoria Hanna present "Songs Inner and Revealed," a program of songs and chants based on early and contemporary prayers in Hebrew, Latin, Farsi, Czech, Hungarian, English and Spanish at 8:30 tonight at the church of Notre Dame de Sion in Ein Kerem as part of the Israel Festival, Jerusalem.

Music lovers attending the festival can enjoy Austrian violinist Thomas Zehetmair playing the First and Third sonatas and the First Partita by Bach at 8:30 tomorrow at the Dormition Abbey. He concludes his foray into Bach's solo violin music at 9 Saturday at the same locale playing the Second and Third partitas and the Second Sonata.

Also on Saturday, the renowned Emerson String Quartet from the US performs quartets by Dyorak, Shostakovich and Haydn at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall at 9:15. At 11 a.m. Saturday, Israeli pianists Tomer Lev, Pnina Salzman, Avner Hanani, Ludmila Berman

and duo pianists Bracha Eden and Alexander Tamir perform in the third and last program of Pianorama at the Targ Centre in Ein Keremtabla player Zakir Hussain and Indian-flutist

International Convention Center.

Two of India's most outstanding musicians, Hariprasad Chaurasia, combine for a summit concert Friday at 2 and Saturday at 9 at the Jerusalem

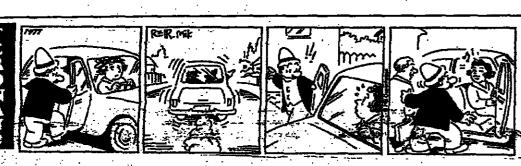


Zakir Hussain (above) is accompanied by Hariprasad Chaurasia for an evening of Indian music on Friday and Saturday in Jerusalem.

#### FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

\*\*\*\*THE BIRDCAGE - From its spangled drag-show opening to the wedding at its close, Mike Nichols's remake of the popular 1978 French farce La Cage Aux Folles is remarkably close to the original. Scene for scene, gag for gag, The Birdcage barely swerves from the tracks set down by that bittersweet puff piece of a film about a couple of middle-aged homosexuals whose son announces his intentions to marry the daughter of a conservative politician. But with the action transplanted knowingly from St. Tropez to Miami's South Beach, with the characters turned American and the off-screen realities of the last 20 years being what they are (AIDS, Pat Buchanan, the right-wing push for "family values"), the pic-nure feels different at its core from La Cage — a little more literal perhaps, but also a good deal more dire. With Robin Williams, Gene Hackman and Nathan Lane. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)



#### CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 A game swimmer sounding cheerful (9)

9 Raise tax in the Spanish quarters just the same (7) 10 Profited from ringing a woman taken in (7)

11 It's fine—like crossword! (3,4)

12 Coach-building industry

14 He's fired with enthusiasm to distress others (8)

15 Remove obstruction found in a river (6)

17 Done any working out for relief? (7) 20 Exceptional child likely to

achieve success (4-2)

true supporter (8)

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23 No set-back splits heel and

heads together causes talk! (4-1-4)26 Dreadful rat able to make good in Canada (7) 27 Sanctimonious knave or

beastly fighting man? (7) steel possibly

25 Europeans getting their

required by an engineer (7) 29 Condemns pieces of writing (9)

DOWN 2 Not in favour of the soil

being churned up (7) 3 Good man bearing with anger to no avail (7)

4 23 people from Belgium (5,3)

5 Sound fellow, though quite a spouter! (6)

#### 6 This might well be set in code in parts (9) 7 The sultan getting fresh food in (7) 8 One court document in

about ten is redrafted (9)

13 Having a brush about the time to hold gold (7)

15 Sporting note a union's got (9)

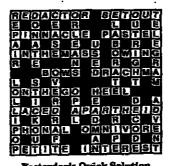
16 Men expect her work to suit them very well (9)

18 The author of "Love Isn't Free\* (8) 19 A looker round (7)

22 The end result of striking approach (7) 24 Craft shown about appropriate wagers (6)

21 Stop being a passenger! (7)

#### SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Common, 4 Wheel, 8 Lance, 9 Leilaby, 10 Pegasus, 11 Stir, 12 Tip, 14 Pare, 15 Arch, 18 Rot, 21 Rock, 23 Indulge, 25 ie, 25 Nepal, 27 Smell, 28

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DOWN: 1 Callph, 2 Managus, 3

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7 Blast, 13 Pardoned, 16 Calypso, 17

Fracus, 13 Tines, 28 Zeniot, 22

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QUICK CROSSWORD

**ACROSS** 7 Grassy plain (6) 8 Female parent (6)

10 Raise (7) 11 Funereal music (5) 12 Stalk (4)

13 Last (5) 17 Quick (5) 18 Nincompoop (4) 22 On high (5) 23 Erect (7)

24 Want (6)

25 Diatribe (6)

DOWN 1 Traduce (7) 2 Young hare (7) 3 Small fish (5) 4 Genial (7) 5 Brief (5) 6 Tested (5)

9 Delectable (9) 14 Grazing (7) 15 Solidify (7) 16 Sparkle (7) 19 Behindhand (5)

20 Sesside (5)

21 Characteristic (5)

#### **TELEVISION**

CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

M EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Evolution 8:30 Looking at arith metic 8:50 Stories of the Yishuv 9:15 English 9:30 Programs for young children 9:50 Right Here 10:00 Morning Conversations 10:30 Quality of Life - Tolerance 11:00 Music 11:25 Geography 11:45 Judaism 12:10 Life Sciences 12:30 Welcome to France 12:45 Science Welcome to France 12-40 Science and Technology 13:10 Young Musicians play Schumann 13:30 Scary Tales 13:45 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:00 Shaftiel Quack 14:30 Amico and his triends 14:40 Dar the Postman 15:00 Babe at the Top

#### E CHANNEL 1

15:31 Friends of Shush 15:50 Timeless Land 16:00 Heartbreak High 16:45 Zap to Dovele 16:59 A New Evening 17:34 Zap to current affairs 18:15 News in English ARABIC PROGRAMS 18:30 Family Affairs 19:00 News in

HEBREW PROGRAMS 19:30 Every Evening with Merav Michaeli 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Focus 21:20 No Man's Land with Ram Evron 22:10 Under Capricom 23:00 Dream On 23:30 News 24:00 Verse of the Day

E CHANNEL 2

13:00 Top Cat 13:30 Power Rangers 14:00 Star Trek 15:00 My Sea 15:30 Dave's World 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rali Reshef 18:00 Senora 19:00 Hang Time 20:00 News 20:30 Wheel of Fortune 21:06 A Day in the life of Yelruda Barkan 22:00 Gabi Gazit 23:10 Primaries 00:00 News 00:05 Till Night Ends (1985) - a doctor decides to leave home when his 60-year-old wife takes up with another man. Starring Assi Dayan, Yosef Milo, Danny Roth and Orna Porat. Mito, Daniny Horn and Orna Porat.

1:45 Gillette World of Sports Special

2:11 No Way Out (1950) - Two
injured robbers come to a hospital
and are treated by a black doctor.
However one of them dies, and his
brother charges the doctor with murder. The case develops the characteristics of racism. Starring Richard
Widmark and Sidney Potitier. (106
mins.)

JORDAN TV

15:00 The Flintstones 15:30 Dinosaurs 15:55 The New Three

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#### MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 The 700 Club 14:30 An Eye for an Eye (1966) – a bounty hunter seeks the men who killed his tamily. Starring Robert Moore and Robert Lansing. (91 mins.) 16:05 Urban Peasants 16:30 Dennis the Menace 16:55 Mask 17:20 Diplodo 17:45 Hart to Hart 18:40 The A-Team 19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:00 CNN 20:30 Coach 20:55 Sliders 21:45 Sea Quest 22:35 The 700 Club 23:05 Larry King Live

#### CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

17:00 Cartoons 17:30 Contemporary People 18:30 Discussion in Arabic 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 The Forgotten Cypher - first part of a Russian-subtitled documentary about how Victor Grayevsky got hold of a secret speech by Khrushchev in 1956, and was thus able to reveal Stalinist brutality to the world 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Nostalgia 22:15 Danny Sanderson

15:30 Sugar and Spice 16:00 With an Investigative Eye 16:20 Mathematics in daily life 16:35 Great Inventors 17:35 Reality on the Rocks 18:30 Family Relations 19:00 Everything's Open 19:30 A Matter of Time 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) 20:30 Basic Arabic 21:00 Zero Hour 21:30 Mozart on Tour 22:30 Evolution

#### FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

8:00 Falcon Crest (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:25 Perla Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dallas (rpt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 21 Jump Street 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perla Negra 20:50 Melrose Place 21:40 Sisters 22:30 Under Suspicion 23:20 Wings 23:45 Melrose Place 00:35 Babylon 5 1:20

#### 6:00 Aerobics 6:30 Nanny and the Professor 7:00 Mr. Belvedere 7:30 Simply Delicious 8:00 El TV 8:30

10:30 Leave 'Em Laughing (1981) (rpt) 12:15 A Star is Born (1937) -original version of tale of rising ingenue married to an older actor, whose career wanes as hers waxes (rpt) 14:10 Zappa (1983, Danish) - three youngsters start a secret society (rpt) 15:50 Breaking Glass (1980) – a young singer working in London's punk clubs becomes a star (rpt) 17:35 The Field (1991) - an Irish tragedy of a farmer battling to to keep the land he has worked on all of his life. With Richard Marris. (100 mins.) 19:25 Miss America: Behind the Crown (1992) - true story of Hawaiian girl's attempt to reach the top, despite a violent boyfriend (rpt) 21:00 Bodies, Rest & Motion (1993) - Four friends in a small town in Arizona look for love, work and a Tim Roth. (93 mins.) 22:35 True Colors (1991) - Two law-school friends become enemies when one joins the Department of Justice and the other becomes a corrupt politi-cian. With James Spader and John Cusack. (105 mins.) 90:25 The Crying Game (1992) – an IRA fighter comes to London to escape the circle of violence and to take care of the lover of a captured British soldier (rpt) 2:15 Jimmy Reardon (1988) - the sexual revolution of the '60s

#### E CHILDREN (6)

reaches the suburbs (rpt)

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#### **PRIME SPORTS**

Spiderman 9:05 Alice in Wonderland

Wonderland 15:05 Nils Holgerson

15:35 Weird Science 16:05 California Dreams 16:25 Saved By

the Bell 17:05 Beakman's World

with Children 20:25 Roseanne 20:50 The Ren and Stimpy Show 21:05 Big Brother Jake 21:30 Cheers

22:00 From the Life of the Marionettes (1980, Swedish) - a

successful businessman rapes and kills a prostitute. A mosaic of events

and confessions explains this.

Starring Robert Atzom and Christine Buchegger. Directed by Ingmar Bergman. 23:45 Knife in the Water (1962, Polish) — Roman Polanski's first leature film depicts the emotion-

al manipulation of a married couple when they pick up a hitchhiker (93

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The Wild South (rpt) 00:00 Open

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New York 7:00 NBC News 7:30 ITN News 8:00 Today 10:00 Supershop 11:00 European Money Wheel 16:00 Morning Report from Wall Street ~

live 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Portraits of the Century

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Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 2:00 Later with

Gabrielle 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30

The Bold and the Beautiful 11:00
Oprah Winfrey 12:00 Remington
Steele 13:00 Simply Delicious 13:30
E! TV 14:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja
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of Lassie 15:00 Lost in Space 16:00

Home and Away 16:30
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M\*A\*S\*H 17:30 Golden Girls 18:00
Empty Nest 18:30 NYPD Blue 19:30
The Bold and the Beautiful 20:00

Santa Barbara 21:00 Hard Copy 21:30 The Extraordinary 22:30 Picket Fences 23:30 Entertainment

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6:30 Bodies in Motion 7:30 Basic

Training 16:00 Bodies in Motion

16:30 NRA Raskethail: The World

Game 17:00 Argentine League Soccer 18:30 Car Racing: Indy

19:30 Preview of NBA finals, starting

tonight 21:00 Preview of European Cup Soccer 22:00 New American

9:30 Car Racing: Formula 1 Spanish Grand Prix (rpt) 11:00 Swimming 12:00 Preview of European Cup Soccer (rpt) 21:00 Formula 1 Magazine 21:30 Athletics: Rome Gala – live 23:30 Ternis: Roland Garros French Open – round-up 00:30 Motor Sport Magazine 2:00 Pro Wrestling

Soccer League 23:30 Boxing

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■ CHANNEL 5

E DISCOVERY (8)

University (rpt)

**STAR PLUS** 

SUPER CHANNEL

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

(rpt) 9:35 Nils Holgerson (rpt) 10:05 The Bracy Bunch (rpt) 10:35 California Dreams (rpt) 10:55 Roseanne (rpt) 11:30 Wild Nature 12:00 Time Surlers 12:45 Alvin and 6:00 Chinese League Soccer 7:30 Futbol Mondial 8:00 Athletics: Belgrade Marathon 8:30 Showiumping 9:30 Golt: Volvo China Tour 11:30 Sports Magazine 12:00 NCAA Golf 14:00 International Motor the Chipmunks 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:35 Ketchup Vampires 14:00 Blinky Bill 14:35 Alice in Sports Magazine 15:00 PGA Golf 15:30 Asia Sports Show 16:00 Tennis: Classic Wimbledon Games 17:00 Sailing Magazine 18:00 International Sports Magazine 19:00 Thai Boxing 20:00 Futbol Mondial 20:30 Golf: European Tour 21:30 WWF 22:30 17:30 Time Surfers 18:15 Alvin and the Chipmunks 18:35 Popcornia (rpt) 19:00 Spiderman (rpt) 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married Australian Rules Football 23:30 Golf: Volvo China Tour 1:30 Boxing

#### BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:05 Under the Sun (rpt) 10:05 Horizon (rpt) 11:30 Holiday (rpt) 12:30 Time Out: Film 96 (rpt) 15:15 Panorama (rpt) 16:15 World Business Report 16:30 Asia and Pacific Newshour 17:30 The Andrew Neil Show 18:05 Under the Sun (rpt) 19:30 Top Gear (rpt) 22:05 The Tourist 23:30 Time Out: More Rhodes Around Britain 00:00 World **Business Report** 

#### **ECNN INTERNATIONAL**

News throughout the day 8:30 Moneyline (rp.) 9:30 Inside Politics 10:30 Showbiz Today 11:30 CNN Newsroom 12:30 World Report 13:00 Eusiness Day 14:00 Asia News 14:30 World Sport 15:00 Asia News 15:30 Business Asia 16:00 Larry King Live 17:30 World Sport (rpt) 18:30 Style with Elsa Klensch (rpt) 18:30 Style with Elsa Klensch (rpt) 18:30 Style with Elsa Klensch (rpt) 23:00 Europe News 00:00 World Business Today 21:30 World Business Today Update 00:30 World Sport 1:00 World News

#### **ESKY NEWS**

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# **State: Counting** blank ballots would change rules of game

THE High Court of Justice should reject three petitions demanding a second round in the prime ministerial elections, because this would be changing the rules of the game after the fact, the state told the court yesterday.

The petitions, which will be heard this morning by a panel of five justices, argued that blank ballots should have been counted. If they had been, neither Binyamin Netanyahu nor Shimon Peres would have received 50 per-cent of the valid ballots, and a second round of balloting would be

"If the petitions are accepted at the present time, this would constitute a retroactive change in the rules of the elections as they were known to the general public, which acted accordingly," wrote government attorney Fogelman in his response to the petitions. "This would constitute a clear and significant injury to the public's legitimate expectations, according to which people calculated how they would vote. Such a result is inconceivable, especially ... in light of the behavior of the petitioners, who participated in

#### **EVELYN GORDON**

objections at the time, but only after the results of the elections

Fogelman noted that the Central Elections Committee decided to disqualify blank ballots in February, and this decision was announced to the public via television and newspaper ads. There is therefore no excuse for the petitioners not to have submitted their petition before the elections, he

However, Fogelman said, the state would have opposed the petitions even if they had been submitted in time, because the petitioners' position contradicts

According to the election law, a voter can cast a blank ballot "on which is written the name of the candidate, and that is all." There is nothing in this paragraph which permits the casting of a blank ballot with nothing on it, Fogelman noted. The blank ballots are available only in the event that the printed ballots for one of the candidates have run out.

right to disqualify ballots for other reasons, by the decision of a twothirds majority. The petitions had charged that the CEC's vote to disqualify blank ballots did not have the necessary majority, but in fact, this decision passed unanimously, Fogelman said.

Fogelman also said the wording of the direct elections law - which states that the prime minister must be elected in the first round by "at least half the valid ballots," but in the second round only by getting more votes than the other candidate - is only because in the first round, there could be more than two candidates, while this is never the case in a run-off.

Finally, he said, the petitioners are incorrect in stating that there is a long tradition of acknowledging the voter's right to express opposition by casting a blank ballot. Blank ballots have never been counted in the Knesset elections.

Netanyahu also submitted a response to the petitions. It stressed the unfairness of changing the election rules after the fact. This would be like changing the rules of a marathon after the

Canadian Ambassador David Berger (left) and Montreal Mayor Pierre Bourque (center) visit developer David Azzieli at the site of his Hashalom office complex in Tel Aviv yesterday.

## Canadian business delegation visits

A DELEGATION of Canadian business executives visited developer David Azrieli's Project Hashalom office com-

plex in Tel Aviv yesterday. The visit was part of a four-day trip, which Montreal Mayor Pierre Bourque led, aimed at increasing trade and cooperation.

"This is a country with fabulous economic growth," said Bourque, who is the first mayor of Montreal to visit Israel. "I'm here to enhance the friendship and business relations between Montreal and Tel Aviv."

Despite recent concern over a possible fall-off in foreign investment following Binyamin Netanyahu's election, members of the delegation expressed hope that the levels of trade and investment may increase in the near future.

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"I don't think the new government will have a negative effect on trade," said Montreal deputy mayor Saulie Zajdel. "If anything, the Likud has shown itself to be more open to private enterprise than the previous govern-

Zajdel added that the trip which will also include stops in Lebanon, Greece, and Turkey was planned over a year ago and its occurrence so shortly after the elections is "coincidental." Azrieli said that the change in

government should not discourage foreign investors or compa-

"The economic policies of the two parties are not all that different," he said. "The people have spoken, but the ability of the

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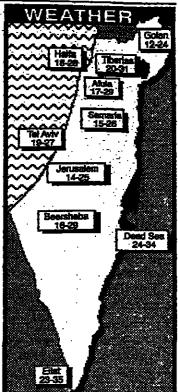
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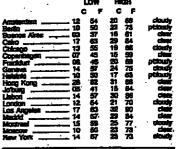
He added, however, that the economy may be in line for a slight slowdown.

Canadian Ambassador David Berger said that with the final signing of a Canada-Israel free trade agreement expected in the near future, trade between the two countries is expected to grow sharply - regardless of the government.

When there's a change of government like this, naturally investors get a bit nervous," he said. "But we're telling them that the economy is still growing, and the fundamental reasons for that growth are as strong as ever."

The delegation will remain in Tel Aviv today, visit Jerusalem tomorrow, and then continue on





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# No compromise

MOSCOW (AP) - Russia's justice

The Jewish Agency was told in April that its accreditation to operate in Russia was being canceled. An unnamed Justice Ministry official said problems with the 1992. He said the Jewish Agency should have been registered with Russian federal institutions instead of the Justice Ministry and could not have subdivisions - such as the

branches in Russia.

that the agency is linked to Israeli special services, including the Mossad. The Jewish Agency could be viewed as interfering in Russia's internal affairs, and its activities could be regarded as going against

## Turkey defends IDF accord during Vilnai's visit

ANKARA - As Deputy Chief of Staff Matan Vilna'i met with Turkish top brass here yesterday, Turkey rejected criticism by Iran and some Arab nations of its recent military cooperation agreement with Israel.

Vilnai met with Gen. Ismail Hakki Karadayi, bead of Turkey's chiefs of staff, and other high-level News agencies

officers. The agreement signed February 23 allows Israeli pilots to train in Turkish airspace and Israeli

warships to enter Turkish harbors. None of these accords include hostility or cooperation against any third country," Maj.-Gen. Erol Ozkasnak, secretary-general of

Turkey's chiefs of staff, said in a statement. They are not defense cooperation agreements but agreements that foresee military training cooperation." Turkish analysts have said the

agreement has put pressure on Syria, which is at odds with both Turkey and Israel. Under the agreement, Israel is also to upgrade some 50 Turkish F-

4 fighters. Some reports, which have not been confirmed by Turkish defense sources, said Israel has been planning to sell automatic weapons to Turkey.
The chief of the Turkish navy was

The military agreement between the two countries and increased contacts have been viewed as a new alliance being formed in the region. Egypt, Syria, Libya, Lebanon, and Iran have denounced Turkey for the accord. The treaty also

in Israel for talks two weeks ago.

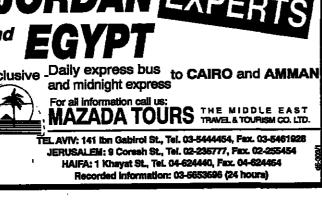
angered many Moslems in Turkey. An Islamic party which has become the top vote-getter in recent elections, has also denounced agreement and said it would be scrapped if it came to power.

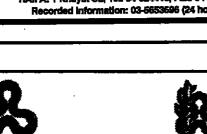
Vilnai is scheduled to visit the Armored Vehicles Training Center, near Ankara, and the Army War College today. He leaves Turkey on













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## LIAT COLLINS

OUTGOING Environment Minister Yossi Sarid yesterday sent a letter to prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu pleading with him not to disband the ministry, following reports that the new government intends to merge n will a large stry. II telis happens, Israel will be entering the run-up to the year 2000 with a move that takes it backwards.

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are often faced with strong conflicts between the wishes of their

do not face this kind of conflict and can work with greater objectivity. As the country enters a period of intense development and changes in land use, the Environment Ministry's work should be increased, not reduced. Now is the ideal opportunity to increase its authority to include such issues as sewage (currently the responsibility of the Interior Ministry).

Without an independent Environment Ministry, hasty development will replace sustainable development, and immediate needs will take precedence over long-term environmental impact. The past decade has seen rapid population growth combined with the increased demands of industry, agriculture, urban expansion and transport. All these have placed

increasing stress on resources, and intensified the pressure to exploit them without considering the effect on the environment. It was a mistake to wait until

1988 to create the Environment Ministry. This was compounded appoint a full-time minister who took the position seriously. The Likud must stick by the environmental promises it made in its party platform.

The Environment Ministry is

not a luxury. It is a necessity. The government must realize that the ministry was not founded just to pick up litter and keep the streets clean. It must tackle very real threats of air, soil and water pollution; the dangers of hazardous materials and the problems of waste management and protecting

the open landscape. The Environment Ministry is not only responsible for ensuring the present generation can live happily and healthily in Israel. It also has a duty to future generations whose needs must be consid-

# AROUND THE WORLD

IN yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the queen of spades, 10 of hearts, king of diamonds, king of clubs. In last night's weekly Lotto drawing the winning numbers were 18, 6, 30, 26, 9, 11 and the addition number was 10.

#### in Moscow over **Jewish Agency** status

minister met late Monday with Israel's ambassador to Moscow in an effort to resolve the controversy over the Jewish Agency's status in Russia, but no compromise was

.Kovalyov Ambassador Aliza Shenar that the agency's activities must strictly correspond to Russian law, the Interfax news agency said.

agency's network of regional

The official also said the agency's international status was not clear, because it could not be recognized as a non-governmental organization. He said the agency did not fit the model of a public organization, either.

The Russian official also claimed Russia's national interests, the offi-

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